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THE PURPOSE OF LIFE, THE PROOFS FOR JESUS, AND THE PROOFS FOR THE RETURN OF CHRIST

Without a basic understanding of why we are alive, life has no particular meaning—life is meaningless. Little children want to know why they are here, but this question doesn't get answered, except perhaps it is put off by saying, "The stork brought you," or, "We wanted a little child." Of course, these answers aren't really answers, and the child wants to know the real reason why he or she is alive. But throughout a person's life, this question is never answered: not in church, not in the streets, not in school. So because life is meaningless to people, we have wars and pillage and carnage, and a lot of suffering . All this suffering exists because people don't have an understanding of the role they play in the scheme of the universe.

We know that nothing creates itself, therefore everything has to have a creator, including us. As we can see the genius of the artist in a masterpiece of art, so too in observing the world can we see the genius of the creator of everything. God is the invisible, omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent Creator who is responsible for the ordered design of the natural world and the ingenious perfections of all living and non-living things.

So the question is, why would God bring you into existence?

In order to understand why we were created, we need to understand the creation in general. The first kingdom is the mineral kingdom which consists of the elements, the things that other things are made of, such as iron, calcium, and phosphorus . These elements have a life, an existence, but it is a static existence. they don' t have growth and movement. They come into contact and form compounds, but they don't have organic organization as do the other kingdoms.

An element in the mineral kingdom can evolve within its own kingdom. That is, a piece of coal, or carbon, under the influence of heat and pressure, can be perfected into a diamond. But no matter how perfect a mineral may become, it can't become a vegetable.

What is the difference between the mineral and the vegetable? The vegetable has growth and reproduction, which are due to the vegetable spirit. Because a seed has the vegetable spirit, it sends its roots into the mineral and absorbs the mineral up into itself making vegetable. We call this organized or organic chemistry. While the mineral is unorganized—dirt falls however you happen to throw it and cannot change—the vegetable changes the organization to the mineral, and the vegetable grows and reproduces.

Is there any difference between the vegetable and the animal? The animal has something that the vegetable doesn't have. The animal grows and reproduces, it's composed out of mineral, but in addition the animal has the five senses—hearing, sight, smell, taste and touch. These five senses are the attributes of the animal spirit, and they give the animal consciousness of its particular existence—the animal can hear it, see it, smell it, taste it, and feel it. The vegetable does not have the central nervous system to record this information, so it is unconscious of its existence. Because it doesn't have a recognition of its existence, no matter how far the plant may evolve, no matter how sweet the orange, of its own volition it cannot become an animal. But the animal can smell it, at the vegetable and in this way the vegetable becomes animal.

The purpose of the mineral is known, because without the mineral, we can't have the vegetable. The minerals are the building blocks from which everything else is made. For example, iron, phosphorus, and calcium go into the plant, and then on into the animal kingdom. Without these minerals, the vegetable and the animal couldn't exist. The purpose of the vegetable is for the animal to eat the vegetable—without the vegetable, the animal couldn't exist. Now we're coming to another kingdom—mankind. Is there any difference between man

and animal? Man has the five senses of the animal, he has the growth and reproduction of the vegetable, and he's composed out of minerals, but he has something more than these kingdoms—man is able to think in the abstract.

The animal's reason is limited to the five senses. You couldn't go up to a cow and prove that the earth is round—in million years you wouldn't be able to do this. No matter how you tried to explain that the earth is round, the cow could not comprehend this because the cow cannot think in the abstract, it cannot think beyond its five senses.

Man having the capacity to think in the abstract makes him different than all that other kingdoms. The existence of man answers the question of why the other kingdoms are here, because without the mineral, the vegetable and the animal, man couldn't exist. But the reason for going through this is to find the reason for the existence of man. If the lowest kingdom, such as the mineral, has a reason to exist, then could we say that the highest of creation, does not have a reason for existence? We see no greater being in creation than man, therefore, we cannot come to the conclusion that man has no purpose for existence. We can see that without the vegetable there would be no animal, and the animal supports man, so we know the purpose of the lower kingdoms. Therefore, the highest of all kingdoms must have a purpose for it existence. Have you any concept of why mankind exists?

If you were the only person in this world, how would you feel? Lonely. There is only one invisible God that pervades the entire universe. There's not another God for Him to associate with. Without man, He would be lonely, because the rock can't comprehend God, the plant doesn't have the intellect and can't comprehend God, the animal doesn't have the intellect and it can't comprehend God. Only mankind has the capacity to comprehend the intangible. As God is intangible, God had to make man in order that He might be known. He had a need to have man. Otherwise the greatness of God would only be known to God alone. And he would be awfully lonely in this whole universe that has no end without a being capable of having the capacity to comprehend the intangible. Therefore He created the lower kingdoms so that man could exist, and He created man so that He Himself might be known.

We are the crowning point of existence in this contingent world. We see nothing higher in this contingent world than man. Mankind is the highest of God's creation in this world, but the beginning of another world which is spiritual. The reason man has the capacity to comprehend the intangible, the reason man has the intellect is that He possesses a soul. We call the intellectual capacity in man the soul. The body is tangible, but the soul is intangible. The intellect is intangible, the next life is intangible, God is intangible.

Man's physical body is the same as the animal's. But the soul, a breath of God, enters in at the time of conception, making him different. Eventually, as man progresses in his physical body, he resembles a man riding a horse—when the rider gets to his destination, his horse goes into the barn and the man goes on into the house—there's eventually a separation when man goes into the next life, which is intangible. But God starts out with man first being able to recognize that He is intangible. The purpose of the creation of man is so that God would be known. But God wanted something more than to be known. What do you think that is?

God left a defect in man. He gave man the freedom of choice. And if He only created man in order to be known, he wouldn't have left that defect in man—everyone would have to know God. But He took a chance on man, He gave him the freedom to turn towards Him or away from Him. He did this because He wanted something more than to the known, He wanted to be loved. All this existence without love is meaningless. God had a love to be loved. He loves us, that's why He called us into being. But in order for His love to reach us, we have to love Him. And in order for us to love Him, we have to have the freedom not to love him.

If someone wanted your love, they wouldn't hold a gun to your head, and say "You love me or I'll shoot you." You'd say, "Yes, yes, I love you," but that wouldn't be love—that would be fear. True love comes form the heart. So God places us on this earth and He spreads out the mountains, and the prairies, and trees, and the flowers..what is He doing? He's wooing man. Just like a lover might woo you by bringing you flowers, or inviting you out on a picnic. As you love your lover, your lover would love you. This is the relationship that God wants..He made man so he could love God. But sense man has the freedom of love, he may turn away from God.

When God created you, did he say, is it all right that create you? He didn't ask you or take you into His confidence, He just went ahead and created you without asking your permission. Would you sell your life for a million dollars? Here God has given you something you wouldn't sell for a million dollars, free without any reservation or even asking you. The most precious thing you have is life.

God gave you another gift, probably as great or even greater, your intellect. Without the intellect, you'd be like the cow not knowing if the earth is round. He didn't ask you if it was all right if He gave you the intellect, He gave it to you as a gift, for free. Would you sell your intellect for a million dollars?

Imagine if you were out in the desert, with nothing but sand, no vegetation, no water, and it was 120 degrees with no shade, and you were trudging along, looking for an oasis, a well, a river, a stream, a lake, or any type of water, and any water you saw would turn out to be a mirage. The whole day went by like this, and then the second day the same thing. The third day you were ready to take your last breath. And then someone came along and said, "Would you like to have a glass of water?" Would you thank that person? Yes, every time you saw that person, you would say, "You wonderful person, you wonderful person, you gave me a glass of water!"

God has given you two gifts, life and the intellect, which you wouldn't sell for a million dollars each. He spread out this beautiful world before you, and all the other gifts that he gives you. Would you thank him? Yes. The thanking of God is that you're turning to Him and worshipping Him. You're saying, "Thank you Oh Lord, for this life that I have."

God wants to give you another gift, a greater one, but for this particular gift He's going to take you into his confidence . He says, "I want to give you a third gift, it's greater than the other two, but this gift depends upon you. That is, in order to have this gift, eternal life, you'll need to come into an agreement with Me, enter into My Covenant, and turn to Me and worship Me. And then I will bring you into My Kingdom, in this life and the next. And you will live with Me in My felicity." But God makes this gift contingent, that is you can turn away from it, or you can accept it. This third gift is the gift that comes to us from the Holy Spirit.

God doesn't speak to us like that from a great voice in the sky. But from time to time God speaks to us through the mouth of the Holy Prophets, and through these Prophets the Thought of God becomes manifest to the world. Thus these Prophets are called Manifestations of God. The only knowledge we have of God comes from the Manifestations. God in His essence is unknown.

Let's look at a poem by Tennyson:

> Flower in the crannied wall,
> I pluck you out of the crannies,
> I hold you here, root and all, in my hand.
> Little flower—but if I could understand
> What you are, root and all, and all in all, I should know
> what God and man is.

Tennyson is saying that we could dissect a flower, and find all of the elements that compose it, but its invisible life essence escapes us. If we can't find the essence of a plant, how can we know the essence of God? God is invisible—He pervades the entire universe—He' s closer to us than our own jugular vein and our own breath . But we can't just grab a hold of God and say, "Sit down here in this chair, God, I want to talk to you" God pervades the entire universe.

The only way we can know God is through His Spirit contacting us. In order for that Spirit to contact us, from time to time there is a person born with what we call the Holy-Spirit. This Holy Spirit is able to receive the logos-the logos is the thought of God. This person who has the Holy Spirit expresses God's thoughts in words, in a Revelation.

These people that are able to receive the thought of God have been created by God especially with something we don't have. We have the soul and the animal doesn't, the animal has the five senses and the plant doesn't, the plant has growth and reproduction that the minerals don't have. Likewise, the manifestation of God has a soul, he has the five senses, he grows and reproduces, and He's composed of minerals, but He also has the Holy Spirit. Therefore He receives the Thought of God, which is the logos, and He gives us a Revelation revealing God to us. And thus God becomes manifest. The only thing we can ever know of God is this logos, this thought of God expressed in a Revelation, because God is closer to us than our own breath, and our own jugular vein, but we don't know Him.

At the time of Adam, God revealed Himself to Adam as the One Invisible God. Before Adam, people didn't know about the One Invisible God. There were great civilizations before Adam. There is no recorded history of this, but there is evidence for it. We know that there was a civilization called Atlantis, another called Lemuria, another called Mu, and there was another one besides that—some people think it was called Titan. There were four universal Manifestations of God, one for each of these four civilizations. Each of these civilizations came to an end with a great catastrophe. These civilizations had not evolved to the point that we have.

Mankind came out of the sea as an ameba, just like the animals did. Over millions of years man evolved, just like at one time, a sperm and ovum came together inside your mother and you became a primal cell. At one time you were a primal cell so small it couldn't be seen by the naked eye—the primal cell can only be seen under the microscope. Yet everything that you were going to be like was in that primal cell: the color of your eyes, the color of your hair, how tall you were going to be, everything was in that cell. All your characteristics, your hereditary traits and your hereditary character going all the way back to the ameba, was in that cell. The experience of the human race all the way back to its origin in the sea is transferred to your soul when it comes into contact with the primal cell at the instant the sperm and the ovum come together.

Inside of an elephant, when the sperm and ovum come together, no soul is joined to that primal cell. In the womb of an elephant that cell is another elephant, in the womb of a lion it's another lion, in the womb of a giraffe it's another giraffe, but in the womb of a woman, it' s another person. That person differs from the animal in that it possesses the soul. The soul is a breath of God that comes in contact with the primal cell the time of conception.

The body is composed of elements. These elements are universal and continue to exist. That is, these elements existed before they came into the formation of your body. In the body these elements exist in a formation we call organic chemistry. After the body separates from the soul it goes back into the elements. These elements continue to exist, the only thing that dies is the form and shape of this combination. The single elements are indestructible—they continue forever. It is only the combination of the elements that has a beginning and has an ending.

Your soul is like a single element. The soul is an emanation of God. An emanation of God is different from the Manifestation of God—we've already seen what the Manifestation of God is.

The emanation of God can be understood like this: speech is the emanation of the speaker, art is the emanation of the artist, and music is the emanation of the composer. But the music is not the composer, the art is not the artist, and the speech is not the speaker. Your soul is an emanation from God, but it is not God. It emanates from God, just like speech, art or music emanates from a person. And this emanation of God is a single element therefore it is eternal. When we were talking about eternal life, this eternal life is in the spiritual world, in the kingdom of God. Outside this Jesus said the people weep and gnash their teeth. Outside of this, the people aren't living in harmony and unity. We call one condition heaven and the other condition is hell.

Heaven is evolving towards God by turning to Him. You love Him, therefore His love reaches you and you evolve spiritually. But if you don't love God, this love doesn't reach you and you don't evolve spiritually. This is hell. Heaven is evolving to God hell is going the other way.

So God offers eternal life to you—to your soul, which is your individuality. You have three personalities. The first personality is inherited from the chromosomes and genes in the sperm and ovum, going all the way back to the ameba. This is an inherited personality. The second personality is the acquired personality, the chances of this world. Your parents educate you, you go to school, you have tests, trials and tribulations that you undergo, which are educational. In school, the teacher purposely gives you tests for your evolvement. God does the same thing—you have tests and trials in this life. These tests and difficulties are actually for your benefit and are educational. Baha'u'llah says, "When calamity exists in the greatest degree, rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for these are the gifts and favors of God."

These tests that you have ultimately lead you to God. They lead you to ask, 'God, where are you, I need your help, or "God, you created me, why am I here?"

These tests lead you to the third personality, which is the spiritual development acquired through turning to God. The Bible calls this becoming "created in the image of God"—God gives you His spiritual qualities and attributes such as mercy, compassion, generosity, love, wisdom, justice, and so on.

At the time of Adam, man was in the image of the animal—he had two eyes, two ears, mouth, nose, arms, and legs. But through the Revelation of Adam and the succeeding Manifestations, man takes on spiritual qualities. These spiritual qualities prepare man for the next life. When we separate from the body, we lose the inherited personality and the acquired personality to a certain extent.

The first pages of the Bible mention Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. They are told, " If you eat of the knowledge of good and evil you're going to die." Our second type of personality comes from eating of the knowledge of good and evil, that is, the opposites of this life.

Everything in this life is in the opposites. We have light and dark—dark is the absence of light, cold is the absence of heat, vacuum is the absence of atmospheric pressure, bad is the absence of good, evil is the absence of spiritual qualities. All of the negative is replaced by the positive—dark is replaced by light, cold is replaced by heat—light, heat, and knowledge are the positive qualities. Without these opposites, we wouldn't be able to know the positive qualities. If it wasn't for cold, we wouldn't know what heat is, if it wasn't for darkness, we wouldn't know what light is, and if it wasn't for ignorance, we wouldn't know what knowledge is.

The purpose of being in this world of opposites is for us to evolve far enough so that we can think in the abstract, turn to the Manifestation of God, and take on the spiritual qualities. Taking on the spiritual qualities prepares our soul for the next life. To the grave goes the physical body, but the soul, your individuality, continues on into the next life. Although in the next life we lose to some extent our inherited and acquired personality characteristics, we will have our individuality. You will always be you throughout eternity. You won't become Jesus, or Joan of

Arc, or someone else. We get our individuality when the sperm and the ovum comes together, when the soul comes in contact with the primal cell and we receive our identity as an individual.

In the analogy of the horse and the rider, the horse or body finally goes on into the barn, and the rider goes on into the house, or into heaven. When you make your choice to turn to God, then you go into His house, which is what we call heaven. And hell is going the other way.

The only way, however, that we can know God, is through the Holy Spirit that comes to us through the Manifestations, that is the Prophets of God. They give you this spiritual education in order for you to evolve towards God. But in order to evolve towards God, you first have to love God, turn towards Him and supplicate to Him in order that you may receive these spiritual qualities. We can receive a branch of the Holy Spirit through the Manifestation of our day. The Manifestation are like a pure and polished mirror which reflects the light of God to us.

Spirituality does not consist of all the observances that they have you do in the Church such as baptism or confirmation. These things don't have anything at all to do with spirituality. Spirituality consists of taking on the spiritual qualities of knowing God and worshipping Him, and evolving towards Him. But the only way you can do this is through the Manifestation which receives the logos—the Revelation of God.

So we're coming to the question, who is a Manifestation of God? Each of the world religions claims that their religion is the true religion and the others are false. For instance, the Jews say no one can equal Moses. When Jesus came along, they said, "This man is just a carpenter's son—he can never equal Moses—no one can equal Moses!" They said. "This man even puts himself above Moses," so they rejected Jesus.

The Christians deified Jesus by taking the pagan triune god—the trinity—and making Jesus part of it, saying no one can equal Jesus—He's God! Thus the Christians rejected Muhammad when He came, even though Jesus prophesied Muhammad by name in the Bible.

Muhammad called Himself the "seal of the Prophets," and now the Muslims interpret this to mean that He's the last Prophet and no one will ever come after Muhammad—therefore everyone has to become Muslim. So when the Bab (Baha'u'llah's Forerunner) and Baha'u'llah came, who were prophesied in the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the Koran, the world has turned them down flat.

Today the Christians say Jesus is the Prince of Peace, but Jesus said that He wasn't—He told His apostle Peter, "Suppose ye that I am come to bring peace on earth? I tell you. Nay; but rather division..." (Luke 12:51). Christianity has resulted in great division, turning peoples against each other and families against each other—confusion.

But Jesus said that the Manifestation of God, Baha'u'llah (1817-1892), was going to come—

> "Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, so will the son of man be ashamed of him when he comes in Baha'u'llah." (Mark 8:38). The word "Baha'u'llah" that Jesus spoke in the Aramaic language was translated into the English Bible as "the glory of the Father." (Matthew 16:27, Luke 9:26).

Now Baha'u'llah has come. But all the people today are doing just as all the previous people have done. They are rejecting the next Manifestation that has come to create man...'God's image, even though the concept of the several Manifestations appears in the first page of the Bible—"Let us make man in our image"—this "us" refers to the Great Divine Manifestations of God.

We can't know God in His essence—only through His logos or thought—the Revelation of God. The logos descended upon Moses in the burning bush. The spirit of God descended upon Jesus as a dove when He was baptized by John in the river Jordan. The logos descended upon Muhammad in the cave of Hira. The same happened with the Bab and Baha'u'llah. These are the

Great Divine Manifestations. And the only thing we can ever know of God comes from the Manifestations.

We receive a branch of this Holy Spirit. A lot of people say, "I'm full of the Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit is actually the thought of God that descends upon the Manifestations, just as the light of the sun would descend upon a mirror. That mirror then reflects the light to us, but the primary rays go to the mirror. In this analogy, God would be the sun, the Manifestation is the mirror, the rays of light are the Holy Spirit. God speaks to us through a Manifestation, just as the sun would be reflected to us in a mirror. The Holy Spirit reflected in the pure and polished mirror of the Manifestation of God is the only thing we can ever know about God. The Manifestation receives the Holy Spirit from God, and then we receive a branch of the Holy Spirit from turning to the Manifestation.

Baha'u'llah fulfills the prophecies for the Prince of Peace. He said that the nations must form an International Tribunal or World Court to settle their disputes around a counsel table rather than go to war. In this World Court, they must make a pact amongst themselves to disarm and maintain peace through consultation.

There have already been several attempts at implementing Baha'u'llah's solution to the world problem. The Czar of Russia, Nicolaevich Alexander II, believed in Baha'u'llah. When Baha'u'llah was imprisoned in Tehran, the Czar extended to Him the aid of one of his ministers and got Him out of prison. Baha'u'llah wrote to the Czar that since he believed in Him, he should proclaim His Revelation and implement His plan for world peace.

Czar Alexander never arose to do this and was assassinated. But his son, Czar Alexander III, had Baha'u'llah's principal works translated into Russian, and Alexander's. son Czar Nicholas II, studied Baha'u'llah's plans for world peace. As a result Czar Nicholas called the nations together in 1899 for the First Hague Peace Conference which set up the World Court. when the heads of state heard the Czar explain the plan for world peace which he took from Baha'u'llah's teachings, they were so impressed that they eulogized the Czar for having such a brilliant mind to come up with these concepts. These eulogies swelled the Czar's head to such an extent that he failed to proclaim Baha'u'llah. Since he didn't proclaim Baha'u'llah, this body was merely secular and very political, and we had World War 1.

Another attempt to establish Baha'u'llah's peace Plan was made by U.S. President Woodrow Wilson. Wilson's daughter was a Baha'i, and he himself had studied the writings of Baha'u'llah concerning an international House of Justice or World Court. Wilson, after World War I, set up the League of

Nations as an attempt to set up Baha'u'llah's peace program. But since Wilson couldn't get the United States to join, and the League of Nations was also merely secular and very political, we had World War II.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his wife Eleanor attended Baha'i firesides in Washington D.C. for three years at the home of a Baha'i physician. After World War II, FDR made another attempt to implement Baha'u'llah's plan, setting up the United Nations. He got the United States, England, France and Russia to take out the charter for this world tribunal, and he intended to proclaim Baha'u'llah. Roosevelt was waiting for the atom bomb to be perfected so he could call the heads of state to the Nevada proving ground, explode a nuclear device, proclaim Baha'u'llah, and give this bomb to the United Nations so that if any nations refused to disarm, the U.N. could force them to do so. All nations would have had to completely disarm, so that if any nation violated another' s boundaries, they could call them into the United Nations and make them pay a penalty. If any nation persisted in hostilities, if necessary the U.N. would wipe that nation off the face of the earth.

Roosevelt was going to do this, but he died before the atom bomb could be perfected. When they asked the next American President, Harry Truman, if he wanted to carry out Roosevelt's program, he said, "Hell no, we've got the bomb—the other nations can dance to our tune!" So now the atomic bomb is in the hands of hostile independent nations, and as a result, we' re going to have World War III.

Neither the Czar, nor Wilson, nor Roosevelt proclaimed Baha'u'llah, which is essential, since Baha'u'llah is the Prince of Peace. They were supposed to put into effect His laws and His teachings in order to have universal peace. We will have World war III, which will be very destructive, because the world has failed to turn to the Prince of Peace. World War III is the Battle of Armageddon, which will be the last war. This war will be so destructive that mankind will be forced to turn to the Prince of Peace and establish the Kingdom of God on this planet. In the Middle East today, the stage is being set for this world war. It will only be a short time before this war happens. What the world needs to know before World War III is Baha'u'llah's plans for the Kingdom of God on earth.

But how do you know for sure that Baha'u'llah is the Prince of Peace, or if any one of the Manifestations have come from God? If someone claimed to be the return of Jesus, how would you be able to tell whether or not this was true. Do you have any way to tell the difference between an ordinary person and a Prophet of God?

The world seems to have no particular criteria to recognize the One sent by God. When Jesus came, 2000 years ago, the people were expecting a Messiah. It was prophesied, and the clergy were telling the people the Messiah was going to come. But when He came, they nailed him to a cross.

The people expected that when the Messiah came, they would listen to Him, and see what He had to say. If they agreed with what He said then they would accept Him. But Jesus brought a message which was different from what they were preaching in the synagogues. In fact, Jesus went into the Temple with a whip and drove out the money-changers there because they had made the Temple into a den of thieves (John 2:14-16). It's something like what happened with the PTL ministry.

Some people say about recognizing the return of Christ, "I'll have a gut feeling—I'll just know." Other people say, "I'll ask my priest." Well if the priests accepted Baha'u'llah as the Promised One, the whole world would have accepted it by now. In fact, it was the clergy in the time of Jesus that turned against Jesus.

So we have to have a definite criteria by which anyone can independently recognize the Promised One. If you want to know what the distance between two places is you use an odometer. If someone asked you how warm it is, you'd use a thermometer. If someone asked you how fast you were going, you'd use a speedometer. To find out how tall you are we'd use a measuring stick, and to find out what direction you were going you'd use a compass. If someone asked you how heavy something is you'd use a scale. We have a criteria for just about everything.

But the most important thing for the people to have is a criteria by which to recognize the Promised One. This is because the clergies of all the religions are in conflict—they come up with so many bad concepts that they resemble people who are drunk on bad wine. The garbage that the clergy comes up with causes people to the leave the churches and often to reject the Manifestations altogether. The clergy are the cause of the confusion in religion, and World War III is going to result from the confusion of the nations—and religion plays a large part in this. Religious confusion is at the crux of the world's problems, especially between the Jews, Christians and Muslims. They need to have a criteria to know who is the Promised One from God

and who is not. To recognize the Prince of Peace, we need to have a criteria which is so accurate that we won't make a mistake. It has to be scientifically accurate.

The United States put a man on the moon. When the man stepped out onto the moon, it was within three seconds of the calculated time. To send a man to the moon and set him down within three seconds of the calculated time is accurate. We have to have an accurate criteria, just like 2 plus 2 equals 4, in which there can be no dispute. Unless we have an accurate criteria, every charlatan, every false prophet, and every salesman can come along with a line in order to lead you down the dark alley and hijack you. This is what is happening in the world today with the TV evangelists, for example. They're taking the people down the dark alley and hijacking them. If you ask them for proofs of what they're saying, they say you have to accept it on faith.

I have nothing against faith—I have the strongest faith in the world, but my faith is built on actual fact that what I believe is true. People have a lot of weeds in their garden upstairs—most of the things people believe regarding religion are weeds. And many things the scientific world tells us are also inaccurate. They often change their theories, such as how the world has come into existence—this has been revised and revised and revised. So these things are inaccurate. But in order for me to devote my time, my energy and my life to any cause, I need to know absolutely, positively that what I believe is an actual fact. This is what I would like to present to you. And if you find that what I tell you isn't so, I'll be the first one to tell you not to believe it. I won't be trying to circumcise you, or baptize you, or enroll you, or have you sign a card, or ask for money. All we will try do is arrive at an understanding by using our intellect to look at fact.

This will be just as in school, when the teacher said, "What are two apples and two apples?" You said, "I don't know, maybe it's three or maybe it's seven." So the teacher said, "No two apples and two apples are four apples You asked the teacher how she arrived at that, and she said, "We'll, count them one, two, three, four." and through this type of proof you learned two, three, four." And through this type of proof you learned that two and two is four.

Similarly, the Bible is a scientific approach to this problem in the Bible. In the beginning of the Adamic Cycle, God had a plan by which He was going to send a number of Divine Manifestations to the world progressively, like the grades in school to educate humanity.

Before the time of Adam, there were civilizations, but the people didn't think in the abstract. Our abstract thinking goes back to when we had our first recorded history 6,000 years ago, and the Bible states that Adam came 6,000 years ago. Man had begun to use symbols to portray something else. This began with hieroglyphics which was pictorial language—they'd draw a little horse or a dog, or a tree. They could draw these symbols very quickly. This system gave way to cuneiform, in which marks represented certain things. This, in turn, developed into the various alphabets. With an alphabet, a letter "A" doesn't represent a horse, it represents a sound, and the letter "B" represents another sound, and so on. Each letter of the alphabet is a symbol representing something else. Thus speech began to be recorded. Speech had just started before the Adamic Cycle. As stated before, there were four civilizations before Adam, each ending with a catastrophe, such as the sinking of Atlantis.

After the sinking of Atlantis, now that abstract thinking was dawning, Adam gave a whole new concept to history—that there is one in-visible God that made everything. Mankind was now going to be created in the image of God. It says in the 26th verse of the 1st chapter of Genesis, "Let us make man in our image," meaning that man would be educated to take on the spiritual qualities by turning to the Divine Manifestations which reflect God. This "our" pertains to the Manifestations.

God is a very scientific spirit. That is, all the sciences come from God, so He had to be scientific. Thus, God had a plan for the coming of these Manifestations in the Adamic Cycle, just

as an architect has a plan for building a house. The owner hires an architect, and the architect decides where all the rooms are going to be—the kitchen, the bedrooms, the bathroom, the front room, and so on. He doesn't put the bathroom in the front room, that wouldn't be appropriate. Likewise, when God made this plan to send these teachers, He designated when they were going to come, what their names would be, where they were going to appear, and what they were going to teach when they came. Four things.

These four things appear on a personal business card. There are four cardinal points on a business card—name, address, date and profession. For instance, a calling card for a physician would have the doctor's name, the address of the office, the hours they would be there, and their profession. Such card might read, Dr. Opal M. Jensen, 328 Stephens Avenue Missoula, Montana, chiropractic physician, and it would state her hours. There might be other people named Opal, and they might even be Opal Jensen, and some might even be Dr.Opal M. Jensen. Some of them might even be chiropractors. But there is only one person in this world named Dr. Opal M. Jensen, who is a chiropractic physician, who is at 328 Stephens Avenue, at her particular time. There is only one person in this world who fulfills this, not 10 people, not 1000 people, not 2 people, just one person.

You could be in China, and someone could give you her card, and you could get on a plane to the Missoula airport, take a taxi to 328 Stephens Avenue and sit down in the reception room of her office. When she came out you wouldn't call her a liar, would you? Because on the wall would be her diploma and her license, and she would come out as her proof that she was there.

God is that scientific about the coming of the Manifestations. At the time of Adam He had already pre-named the Manifestations that would come. For example, Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I am", meaning that before Abraham was born in the 2100's B.C., Jesus was in the plan of God . So was Moses. All the Manifestations were in the plan of God, and in this plan of God, He had a definite pre-ordained date for them to come, at a certain address. For instance, to show you how this works, Jesus was prophesied in the Old Testament.

He was prophesied by name, by the date at which He came, the address at which He would appear, and what He would teach when He got here: the calling card. To show you that this is a scientific approach, we're going to go through these prophecies, though Jesus is already accepted as a Manifestation of God. The thing is, there is definite proof in the Bible that Jesus was the Promised One that was to come. The Jews didn't accept Him, and they don't accept Him today, because they don't go by the criteria that is in their own book. If they went by the criteria in their own book they would accept Him.

Jesus' name was prophesied in the book of Isaiah, which was written over 740 years before He was born. In this passage, Isaiah addresses the house of David:

> Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:13-14 King James version).

Isaiah addresses the house of David because this prophesied person is going to be a descendant of David. This is one of the first proofs—this person has to be a descendant of David. The name "Immanuel' is Hebrew for "God with us." God is always with us, so this means God with us in Manifestation.

The apostle Matthew shows how this prophecy was fulfilled:

> ... The angel of the Lord appeared unto him [Joseph] in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your, wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit [is a Manifestation of God]; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name

> Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Immanuel." (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus. (Matthew 1:20-25 Revised Standard version).

Why did Joseph ever call his son Jesus when the prophecy says his name shall be called Immanuel? "Jesus" is the same as the Aramaic word "Joshua." "Jesus" also has the same meaning as the Hebrew word "Immanuel," which means "God with us." The reason Joseph used the Greek word "Jesus" in place of the Hebrew word "Immanuel" is that the prophecy was given by Isaiah in the Hebrew language 742 years previously. By the time of Jesus, the Jews no longer spoke Hebrew—they were speaking Greek. So Joseph used the Greek equivalent of "Immanuel," the Greek word "Jesus," which he named Him, and which means the same thing: "God with us. " And of course, "God with us" means God with us in Manifestation; God is with us right here in essence—He pervades the entire universe, but the Manifestation is the mirror that reflects God to us and causes God to be come manifest. His name is called Jesus because He was the one that was going to reflect God. So this is how Jesus was prophesied by name. The prophet Micah, over seven hundred years before Jesus, foretold His address:

> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are little to be among the clans of Juda, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. (Micah 5:2 RSV).

"Ephrathah" was the name of Bethlehem before David made it his city. The reason this person is going to come from the city of David is that He is going to be a descendant of David. We saw that the prophecy for Immanuel was addressed to the House of David for the same reason. So Bethlehem is the city from which the Messiah will come forth. The prophecy describes this person as a "ruler." The Messiah is a ruler, as the word "Messiah" means "a male lineal descendant of King David that is anointed." The prophecy states that this person will be of the tribe of Judah—which is the tribe of David. Although Mary was of the tribe of Levi, Jesus' father Joseph was of the tribe of Judah.

Everyone knows that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. But the apostle Luke tells us how Jesus came to be born in Bethlehem:

> In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment [census for tax purposes], when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph went also went up into Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and of David, to be enrolled with Mary. his betrothed who was with child. And while they were there, the time cane for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. (Luke 2:1-6)

Caesar Augustus decreed that the Jews now had to be taxed. They had to register to be taxed at the home of their ancestors so everyone would be counted properly. As Joseph was a descendant of David, he had to go to the city of David, Bethlehem, to register for the tax. Thus while Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem to register for the tax, Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Jesus was raised in Nazareth where Joseph and Mary had their permanent address, but He was born in Bethlehem, the prophesied address from which the Messiah was to come forth.

The Old Testament prophet Daniel, writing 600 years before Jesus, recorded the exact date at which the Messiah would appear and carry out His mission. This part of the book of Daniel, the ninth chapter, is one of the most wonderful parts of the whole Bible, so I would like to go into the background of what is going on in this section.

Daniel was a prophet who was taken into captivity by the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar when he conquered Jerusalem in 606 B.C. Daniel was of the elite, the royal family of the Jews, and he and the prophet Ezekiel and many other Jews were taken captive to Babylon at that time. Nebuchadnezzar totally destroyed Jerusalem and took the rest of the people captive in 586 B.C.

Nebuchadnezzar loved Daniel very much, since Daniel was able to interpret a dream for him. Nebuchadnezzar hadn't been able to find anyone who could interpret the dream, and then he forgot the dream. He called together the soothsayers, astrologers and wise men of Babylon, telling them that if they couldn't tell him what his dream was and what it meant he'd kill them all. Daniel intervened, telling Nebuchadnezzar not to kill them, and that he'd tell him what the dream was and what it meant. Daniel succeeded in doing this, and Nebuchadnezzar recognized that the One Invisible God that Daniel worshipped was certainly the true God, though he, Nebuchadnezzar, was pagan. As a reward, Nebuchadnezzar made Daniel his vizier over all of Babylon.

Daniel ultimately wanted to return to Jerusalem with his people and rebuild the city and the temple. Nebuchadnezzar refused to go along with this, since he had already found it necessary to conquer the Jews twice. So Daniel decided to take the case to a higher court—the Court of God himself. Daniel dressed in cheap raiment, gunny sack material, and anointed himself with ashes, humbling himself before God. Daniel poured out his heart to God, saying, "O Great Lord, who rules over everything, see our plight, we're in captivity. We deserve to in captivity, because we broke all your laws, we violated your Covenant, we did everything you us we'd go into captivity if we disobeyed you. But we're the people called by your name, and now the people say the God of Israel is a weak God, He couldn't protect His own people. For your sake, O Lord, allow us to go back and rebuild the Temple'"

Daniel prayed very sincerely, confessing the sins of his people:

> "As it is written in the law of Moses, all this calamity has come upon us, yet we have not entreated the favor of the Lord our God, turning from our iniquities and giving heed to thy truth. Therefore the Lord has kept ready the calamity righteous in all the works he has done, and we have not obeyed his voice....
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> "O my God, incline thy ear and hear; open thy eyes and behold our desolation's, and the city which is called by thy name; for we do not present our supplications before thee on the ground of our righteousness, but on the ground of thy great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord give heed and act; delay not, for thy own sake, O my God, because thy city and thy people are called by thy name.
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> "While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy hill of my God; while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. He came and he said to me, 'O Daniel, I have now come out to give you wisdom and understanding. At the beginning of your supplications a word went forth, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the word and understand the vision." (Daniel 9: 13-14, 18-23).

The angel Gabriel had been overseeing the Persian-Median unity that was coming about at that, time in History. But when Daniel prayed, God heard his prayer and sent Gabriel by swift flight to tell him what would take place in the future. Daniel was praying to be able to go back and rebuild the city and the temple right away, but it was already in the annals of God how this would come about—God already had a plan for that. Daniel was praying for something which God had a different plan for—just as in the building of a house, some of the builders might have an idea to build it differently from the plan, and the architect would say, "No, you have to go according to the plan. Here Gabriel comes to tell Daniel what God's plan is:

> "Seventy weeks of years are decreed concerning your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy one.
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> "Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off, and shall have nothing; and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.....
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> "And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week." (Daniel 9:24-27).

Here it says that from the order to restore and build Jerusalem to the time that the Messiah will be cut off is going to be 70 weeks or actually 70 weeks of years. In 70 weeks we have 490 days. Ezekiel 4:6 and Numbers 14:34 confirm that each day of the Lord's equals a year. So these 70 weeks of years are 490 years.

The order to restore and build Jerusalem was given in 457 B.C. This order was recorded in the 7th chapter of the Book of Ezra (see dated Bible). So we subtract 457 B.C. from the 490 years in order to get the date, A.D., for the coming of the Messiah. When we do this we get 33 years, the age of Jesus when he was crucified.

It so happens that there are 456 years from 457 B.C. to the birth of Christ, since there was no "zero year." This gives us 34 years left over, so we see that Jesus, at the age of 33, was crucified in 34 A.D. Here is the exact date for the crucifixion of the Messiah.

This date is also divided up in the prophecy as 7 weeks, 62 weeks, and 1 week. In 7 weeks we have 49 years, since there are 49 days in 7 weeks, and each day is equal to a year. This 49 years is the length of time it took to restore and build Jerusalem with walls around the city and a moat. This bring us to 408 B.C. Then we have 62 weeks, which equals 434 years. This is the time between the rebuilding of the city until we come to the last week, the week of the covenant, and this brings us to 27 A.D.

The last week is described as follows:

> "And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and offering to cease." (Daniel 9: 27).

We divide the last week into two periods of 3 1/2 years, since there is a division in the middle of the week, the middle of the seven days or seven years. The beginning of the week is the time when John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus, started baptizing. After 3 1/2 years he baptized Jesus, and this caused the sacrifice in the Temple to cease, because the perfect sacrifice Jesus had come. The animal sacrifices of the temple no longer had any effect on the removal of sins, as the start of Jesus' mission inaugurated a whole new dispensation. After 3 1/2 years of teaching, Jesus died on Calvary Cross for the remission of sins.

The Book of Daniel not only prophesied Jesus' crucifixion, but also the start of His ministry and when John the Baptist started His ministry. So here we have the date for the coming of Jesus. And Jesus' mission, as Daniel prophesied, was to "finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness..." (Daniel 9:21).

There might have been a lot of people called Jesus. But there was only one person in history whose name was called Jesus, who was born in Bethlehem, that started His mission in 30 A.D. and died on the date 34 A.D. according to the 70 weeks prophecy, for the remission of sins. This will never be fulfilled by anyone else. Jesus fulfilled that prophecy. But the Jews weren't going by

their own book from which I took these prophecies. These proofs for Jesus came out of the Jews' own book. Jesus was prophesied in their book by name, by date, by address and by mission—there should have been no argument. But the people were fanatical—they built up all kinds of theologies and mythologies about how the Messiah was going to come, and Jesus did not fulfill their imaginations—He fulfilled prophecy—the calling card. And this calling card is just as accurate as can be.

This establishes a criteria by which to recognize the Promised One. To day we have all kinds of people saying they're Jesus—on street corners there might even be three or four people saying they're Jesus, all in competition with each other. We have seen the prophecies for the coming of Jesus, but now the people await the return of Christ, and the Christians are looking for the same Jesus that was crucified in 34 A.D. to come again.

The Christian author Hal Lindsey writes on this subject in his book The Late Great Planet Earth. This book has been a best seller for over twenty years, and over twenty million copies have been sold. Several movies have been made based on this book. The following quote from page 18 of this book concerns the prophecies for the Messiah or the Christ:

> Two completely different portraits of a coming Messiah were described by the Old Testament prophets. The portraits, painted by the sure hand of God, were placed on the same canvas, framed in one picture.
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> For those who lived prior to the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, the perspective of these two portraits of the Messiah was difficult to understand.
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> Imagine a man looking at a range of mountains. He is able to see the peak of one mountain, and beyond it is the peak of another. However; from this vantage point, he cannot see the valley which separates these two mountains.
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> Men viewed the two portraits of the Messiah in the same manner. They saw two different persons...

Well first of all, do you know the meaning of the word—"Christ"? Most Christians don't know what the word "Christ" means. They think it means, "Son of God," or "God," or was Jesus' last name, or some other misconception, because the clergy and the Christians never mention what the word Christ means. The word Christ doesn't mean that Jesus was God or the son of God. And it's not Jesus' last name either. If Christ was his last name, then his father would be Joseph Christ and his mother would be Mary Christ.

Christ is a title—it is the same word in the Greek language as the Hebrew word "Messiah." "Christ" and "Messiah" both have the same one meaning: "an anointed male lineal descendant of King David."

The apostle Paul talks about this subject in the first chapter of the book of Romans. This is what the Bible says about the subject, not what the Church says. You have to go by what the Bible says, not what the Church says. Paul says, "Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh." (Romans 1: 3-4 KJV). The "seed" of David is a sperm—Mary had an ovum. Therefore, Jesus was physically the son of David through the sperm of His father Joseph.

Paul says that Jesus was only "declared to be the son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness." In other words, Jesus the Christ was a son of David. Jesus was only spiritually declared or designated the son of God. But Paul clearly states that Jesus the Christ was Physically a son of David.

You might ask, how can Jesus be physically a descendant of David through his father Joseph if his mother was a virgin? This is the big bogeyman that has come down through the ages. At the

time of Jesus they didn't have microscopes, so they didn't know that sperm have tails. Under the microscope, sperm look like little polliwogs and they swim around very fast. If you put a sample of a male's urine under a microscope, you will see these sperm swimming around. Sperm can stay alive outside the body for as long as three days in a moist, warm medium. If a sperm should happen to be on the belly of a female virgin, for some reason or other, that sperm could swim with its tail down into the vagina, through the pores in the hymen, through the uterus and all the way to the fallopian tubes and find an ovum. The hymen would remain intact but the woman would be pregnant.

Many virgins bear babies every year—this is on record in hospitals and in the medical literature. Dear Abby even talks about this (from *The Missoulian*, May 9, 1986):

> "One of the questions I have been asked often by teens is: How far can l go without getting pregnant?"
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> "That is not a dumb question. It's a very intelligent one. A lot of kids get aroused by just lying close to each other while kissing. Then they just naturally proceed to the next step, which is petting.
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> "Sometimes they remove some of their clothing because it's 'in the way,' or they burrow underneath it to explore each other's bodies with their hands. This is known as heavy petting, or 'doing everything else but.'
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> "The technical and legal definition of sexual intercourse is 'penetration.' (The male's sex organ must penetrate the female's.) However, as impossible as it may sound, in the medical literature can be found cases where there has been no penetration — the girl remained a virgin, but after engaging in heavy petting she found herself pregnant.
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> "How can that be? Simple.
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> "The boy and girl were lying very close to each other (unclothed), doing 'everything but', when a small amount of sperm leaked out... near (not inside, but very close to) the girl's vagina. The sperm got into the moisture around the vagina and found its way up into it, and fertilized the egg.

It doesn't state in the Bible exactly how Joseph's sperm got onto Mary and to her ovum for instance, whether they were "heavy petting," or if Mary inadvertently inserted Joseph's sperm in her vagina after touching urine with Joseph' s sperm in it. The Bible only says that Joseph was the father—and Paul confirms this.

Christians try to get around this fact by saying that Mary was a descendant of David—but Mary didn't have a sperm, and Paul says Jesus was of the "seed [sperma is the Greek word Paul used] of David. " And the genealogy of Jesus back to David given in both the book of Luke and Matthew is through Joseph, not Mary (see Luke 3:23; Matthew 1:16). Mary was of the tribe of Levi and was of the priestly class, while the Davidic lineage is of tribe of Judah. So the Bible gives the genealogy back to Joseph because only Joseph had the sperm of David, and Mary didn't. So we have the genealogy of Jesus going back to David through Joseph, and we have Paul telling us that Jesus was made of the sperm of David according to the flesh.

Paul said that Jesus was only "declared" or "designated" to be the Son of God "according to the spirit of holiness." (Romans 1:4). Why was he designated the Son of God? Jesus received this designation because His Revelation was of the potency of the "Son of God," compared to Abraham who was the "Friend of God," and Muhammad who was the "Comforter." Baha'u'llah's Revelation is of a greater potency than Jesus', which is why Baha'u'llah comes in the "Glory of the Father." It was Jesus' Revelation that was the Son of God; Jesus was only called the Son of God because He brought that Revelation that was designated the Son of God.

Just like the when the "ice cream man" comes, all the little children run into the street yelling, "The ice cream man, the ice cream man!" The ice cream man receives that designation because he brings ice cream. The ice cream man isn't made of ice cream! Is the grocery man groceries, or does he deliver groceries? Jesus was designated the Son of God because that was the title of the Revelation he delivered. Just like in school you have a history class and a geography class, Jesus gave a class in the Son of God. That was the elevation of the Revelation Jesus gave. Returning to Lindsey, he points out that there are going to be two Messiahs. according to the prophecies:

> Men viewed these portraits of the Messiah in the same manner they saw two different persons but missed the connection. They did not perceive that there could be just one Messiah, coming in two different roles, and separated by the valley of time.

It's actually Lindsey and the Christians who miss the connection. They think Jesus wasn't the son of David. If He wasn't the son of David, then He couldn't be the Christ, because the word Christ means a son of David. They're denying that Jesus was the Christ, and therefore, the Bible says that they are of the anti-Christ. John says anyone who says that Jesus is not the Christ is the anti-Christ (1 John 2:22). When they say Jesus is not a descendant of David, they are anti-Christ.

The reason that Lindsey and the Christians say there can only be one Messiah is that they believe in deifying Jesus, making Him God by saying God is the literal father of Jesus. God is not a descendant of David. And if Jesus is not a descendant of David, He's not the Christ.

Lindsey continues:

> One portrait of the Messiah depicts Him as a humble servant who would suffer for others and be rejected by His own countrymen. This portrait we may call "the Suffering Messiah." (Look into the prophecies of Isaiah 53 for the perfect picture of this Messiah). The other portrait shows the Messiah as a conquering king with unlimited power, who comes suddenly to earth at the height of a global war and saves men from self-destruction. He places the Israelites who believe in Him as the spiritual and secular leaders of the world and brings in an age free of prejudice and injustice.

Baha'u'llah's Universal House of Justice fills the role of bringing in an age of justice, and one of His principles is the elimination of all forms of prejudice.

Lindsey continues:

> It's easy to see why this would be the most popular portrait.
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> We may call this second picture "the Reigning Messiah." We find this description in such prophecies as Zechariah 14 and Isaiah 9:6,7.

In these prophecies of Isaiah and Zechariah, the Reigning Messiah appears as a man sitting on David's throne. According to Psalm 89, David's throne is a kingship which will always continue—there will always be a male lineage descendant of David seated on his throne.

Jesus didn't marry and have a son, so he left no descendants to establish the Davidic kingship back in the world. In fact, Jesus explicitly said that He Himself did not sit on David's throne; "My Kingship is not of this world. If my Kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not of this world" (John 18:36 RSV). Thus Jesus proves He was not the Reigning Messiah, but rather the Suffering Messiah.

Baha'u'llah, on the other hand, was directly descended from the descendants of David who were the Kings that ruled Israel and then went into exile as the Exilarchs (short for exiled monarchs). The royal line Exilarchs or exiled monarchs preserved the throne of David for thousands of years in Iraq and later, in Iran, and Baha'u'llah was born from this royal family of David. Baha'u'llah did marry and have a son 'Abdu'l-Baha, and He appointed this son to be His

successor, and this appointed His grandson Shoghi Effendi to be his successor, and Shoghi Effendi appointed 'Abdu'l-Baha's adopted son Mason Remey to be his successor, and this Davidic Kingship continues infinitely.

So the word "Christ" means a descendant of David, and the Christians don't know this. But two Christ's are prophesied.

The question arises, since you know the Second Christ was prophesied to come, how are you going to recognize Him when he comes? If you had lived in the time of Jesus, would you have been able to recognize Jesus without a criteria? No, you would have been among the crowd saying, "Crucify Him, give us Barabbas."

Jesus would not have been recognized by the people of today if they had lived in His time. And today the people reject the Second Christ, because paganism has entered into Christianity.

This paganism of having a triune god began in the time of the first Babylonian Empire, polluted the whole world with its deception, and crept into Christianity in Pergamum; we will get into this history a little later.

But there is a bigger reason why the Christians are not looking for anyone other than Jesus coming to be the Second Christ. Although there are two Christ's prophesied, they're looking for the same Christ. This is because the Christians say that Jesus physically, bodily resurrected from the grave and went up into heaven and that He will return again from this heaven. Therefore, since they think the same person will come again, they cannot accept another person to be the Second Christ.

This situation is analogous to the situation in which Jesus sent His disciples out to teach the Jews that He was the Messiah. These disciples were just ordinary people—fishermen, a bank teller, a tax collector, and so forth. They came up against the intelligentsia of the Jewish people—the rabbis, the priests, the lawyers, the scribes. The scribes told the disciples that Jesus couldn't possibly be the Messiah. They pointed out that the book of Malachi, the last book of the Old Testament, says that the prophet Elijah must return before the Messiah (Malachi 4:5). And according to the second chapter of the Second Book of Kings, Elijah ascended into heaven in a flaming chariot.

So the disciples came back to Jesus and asked Him, "How come it says right here in Malachi that Elijah the prophet is going to come first?" In other words, how can you claim to be the Messiah when we haven't seen Elijah come streaking across the sky in a flaming chariot?

Do you know what Jesus told them? Jesus told them that John the Baptist is Elijah! The disciples were dumfounded. They said to Jesus, "John? John is your cousin, your aunt Elizabeth was pregnant with John when your mother Mary was pregnant with you. You grew up together, you played marbles together. How can this man John be Elijah?" (I'm paraphrasing here). Jesus said, "If you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah." (Matthew 11:14).

Well today the Christians accept that John the Baptist is the return of Elijah although he's a different person. They went to John and asked him if he was Elijah, and he said, "I am not" (John 1:21), meaning that he wasn't the same person. But Jesus said that John was Elijah.

Jesus was looking at the light, and not at the lamp. For instance, Elijah was living in the desert, wearing a camel's hair coat, living on locusts and honey, and telling the people to repent and return to the Lord. Nine hundred years later, here comes John the Baptist, walking in the same desert living on locusts and honey, and telling the people to repent and return to the Lord. If you looked at one, and you looked and the other, you couldn't tell the difference. They both had the same message—repent and return to the Lord. They were talking to a wayward people, calling

them to have the sin of error washed away from them. Therefore, when it says that Elijah is going to come, it means that someone will come to fulfill that mission, as the forerunner of Jesus.

So the people asked John, "Well then who are you?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord, as the prophet Isaiah said." (John 1:2,3) This was prophesied by Isaiah, that one would come in the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord. (Isaiah 40:3)

Today the Christians accept that John the Baptist was the return of Elijah, because Jesus said so. But today the Christians are making the exact same mistake the Jews made. It says in the Bible that Jesus went up into heaven just as it says in the Bible that Elijah went up into heaven. And Jesus said He would return, just like the Bible says Elijah would return. Although the return of Elijah was John the Baptist—the Christians say, "No, it must be the same Jesus!" because they deified Jesus—made Jesus a god. This was a hanky-panky, monkey-business that the pagans did when they came into Christianity, and we'll get into that later, but first, we need to look at the resurrection:

> Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to him [Jesus], "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign; but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." (Matthew 12:39)

In other words, here the clergy asks Jesus, "If you're the Messiah, the one we're waiting for, give us a sign so that we all can believe in you." Jesus told them that a wicked generation looks for a sign of the type they were seeking, and they would get no such sign, except for the sign that "as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a whale, so will the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

It is a well known fact that Christ was crucified on Friday by sundown, and that his tomb was empty Sunday morning. So the Christians say this refers to Jesus' death and bodily resurrection, and the "three days and three nights" are Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

But the Christians didn't get through first or second grade in school if this is the way they calculate. From Friday night to Sunday morning is not three days and three nights. Friday night, all day Saturday, and Saturday night are two nights and a day—only thirty-six hours. Three days and three nights is seventy-two hours.

Christians will tell you that Jesus rose on the third day, but they never say He rose in three days and three nights. The question arises, if this is the sign that Jesus is the Christ why was the tomb empty on Sunday morning in just half the time? Why wasn't his body in the tomb three days and three nights? There's a real reason that tomb was empty. The tomb was empty in only half the time so that neither you nor anyone else would ever believe there was a physical resurrection. It did not meet the criteria.

Christians might be able to slosh over these very vital points in order to put forth the theology that His physical body resurrected. But the vital point is Jesus gave this sign to show that His physical body is not important. In the sixth chapter of John, He says, "The flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken, they are spirit and life" (John 6:63). And Jesus' words were dead not on Friday night, but on Thursday night, the night before the crucifixion.

After the Last Supper, Jesus took his disciples up on a mountain and told them, "I'm going to be arrested, and they're going to crucify me." The apostle Peter had said when Jesus told them this before, "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you." And Jesus said to Peter, "Get thee behind me Satan!" (Matthew 16:22-23).

Why did Jesus call Peter Satan? Peter thought, as did the other apostles, that Jesus was the reigning Messiah that would establish the kingdom of God on earth by re-establishing David's throne in the world, and He would have a horse and an army and conquer the Roman Empire, setting the Jews up in ascendancy over the people of the world. This was the clergy's concept at the time—the whole world better watch out, they thought, because the Messiah would be their conquering king. And the apostles also wanted Jesus to be the Messiah that would be the conquering king. But as we saw previously, there are two Messiahs—the Suffering Messiah and the Reigning Messiah. So when Peter said, "Not you O Lord," Jesus told Peter that he was Satan, meaning, "You've been with me all this time and you still don't comprehend who I am (the Suffering Messiah)."

And during the Last Supper, Judas was all fidgety, thinking to himself, "Gee, maybe we'd better turn Jesus in." Jesus told him, "Judas, go do what you have to do." So Judas went to have Jesus turned in, for thirty pieces of silver in return, telling the Roman guards the one he kissed on the cheek would be the one they should arrest.

When Jesus called the apostles up on the mountain Thursday, Judas came to Him with some Roman guards and kissed Jesus on the cheek, and Jesus was arrested. Then all the apostles fled, and disbelieved in Jesus, thinking, "How could Jesus be the Reigning Messiah when he's been arrested?"

Just before this happened, Jesus told the apostles. "Tonight, everyone in the world will disbelieve in me." Peter said, "O Lord, even if everyone disbelieves I'll still believe." Jesus told him, "Peter, before the cock crows you'll deny me three times." And this was fulfilled after Jesus' arrest.

What I'm pointing out here is that there were no longer any believers in Jesus Christ that night. Jesus said this would happen. Jesus' body was the church—this is found in the books of Colossians and Ephesians (Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 2:19). It says the body of Christ is the "ecclesiasia"—the believers.

The night Jesus was arrested, there weren't any believers, so the body of Christ was dead.

The body of Christ was dead the day before the body that was of no avail was crucified. And that's why the tomb of the body that was of no avail was empty. It was empty because it did not contain the body that was going to resurrect.

Three days and three nights from the time that Jesus was rejected by His body of believers, the apostles were in the upper chambers. Mary Magdalene had already told them that the tomb was empty, and then she spoke with them, and after she left they discussed this matter. The apostles were in "the upper chambers", meaning that they were in meditation, in the highest regions of the intellect. In this meditation, Jesus appeared to them—and in their meditation, they recognized that Jesus was the Suffering Messiah. They saw the holes in His hands, in His feet and His side.

They said, "How dumb we are! Jesus didn't come to establish the throne in the world. He said His kingdom was not of this world. Jesus is the Suffering Messiah, not the Reigning Messiah" They admitted, "We had hoped he was the one to redeem Israel" (Luke 24:21). Thus they all became believers in Him again, and the body of Christ resurrected in three days and three nights!

Why does the Church teach otherwise? We're just about to get into that.

But before we get into that, it says in the first chapter of Acts:

> Men of Galilee; why do you stand looking up into heaven This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. (Acts 1:11)

The Christian reads this and says, "Oh, Jesus' body did resurrect, and as He went up into the sky He's going to come down from there. But this Bible passage doesn't say Jesus went up into the sky, it says He went up into heaven. Jesus said He came from heaven (John 3:13), and He didn't come from the sky. He came from His mother.

Do you know any men of Galilee? If you don't, then how would you know how Jesus went up into heaven, because the men of Galilee were the only ones who saw how this happened? And there isn't any place in the Bible where these men of Galilee say how Jesus went up there.

But the Bible does say that the way Jesus left was in the hands of the law—He was arrested. He was judged. He was put in jail. He was condemned to death.

He was crucified. And He said the same way you see Him go, is the same way He's going to come again.

That is, the people that rejected Him were the religious people of His day. They were the clergy! I want you to know that it was the clergy. They were going by their theologies—which are mythologies. These are the ones that condemned Him. And on His return, the same People re rejected Him—the clergy. And they had Him arrested and put in jail. Baha'u'llah spent 40 years as a prisoner and an exile, although He was born an earthly prince with gold buttons on His coat. He was arrested and put in Jail for the same reason as Jesus—Baha'u'llah proclaimed He was the second Messiah, just as Jesus claimed to be the first.

One more thing. Why is the clergy today in opposition to the return of Christ? Why do they want the same man to come back when the Bible is clear that the return is not the same man? The Bible says that Jesus was the son of David, that His physical body was not in the tomb three days and three nights, that His father Joseph was His physical father as a descendant of David, and Paul says that Jesus was born of the sperm of David. Why does the Christian clergy today teach otherwise? Because of paganism.

Today the people don't know they're in paganism. They don't even know what paganism is. The reason why there is the same confusion about the return of Christ like there was at the time of the first coming of Christ is because the Church has become pagan. That is, the Church has accepted in the place of the one God, three gods as one god.

There is not three gods as one God. There is not one god "the Father," one god "the Son," and another god "the Holy Spirit." There is but one supreme God that is invisible, that pervades all space, that is all-knowledgeable and is all-powerful. He does not become a person.

How do they explain the conception of Jesus? Some Christians say that God had an intercourse with Mary and placed His seed in her. Others say that God compressed Himself out of the universe into a tiny little pill and got inside of Jesus. Well if God was in there then the whole universe would be without protection. God surrounds all, He's not surrounded, so all these theories are bunk.

Where did they get this theory of the trinity? Not out of the Bible, but out of the pages of paganism ...which was a universal religion alive at the time of Jesus.

Paganism started after the flood. Before the flood, the first Manifestation Adam had the people He was teaching separated from the people in the world that were pagan. Paganism started before Adam.

Before Adam there were four great civilizations coming after one another with four great Manifestations. There has never been a time when humanity was without the guidance of a Manifestation. But during these four earlier civilizations, which each ended in a catastrophe, the people had not evolved to thinking in the abstract, so their civilizations did not teach an abstract God. The people knew they didn't create themselves, but since they hadn't evolved to

understanding the abstract invisible God, they worshipped whatever they thought was more powerful than them or gave life to them—mostly the sun, moon and stars. This nature worship was the earliest type of pagan religion.

The first pagan civilization's name is not known, but the next were Mu, Lemuria and Atlantis. The sinking of Atlantis came just before Adam.

These people were just starting to think in the abstract so —God for the first time revealed Himself as the One invisible God through the words of the Prophet Adam. The book of Genesis mentions the Prophet Adam, who had a wife named Eve, and it also mentions a story about them in the Garden of Eden—a parable that is outside of the scope of this present writing.

When He started revealing God to the people of His day, Adam found that most people had not evolved far enough to accept His message, so He taught His family. The descendants of Adam became spiritual, and He moved them to a secluded region in the mountains between Tibet and Eastern Turkestan called the Tarim basin.

After 1500 years, these descendants of Adam started having intercourse with people outside of the Adamic race who weren't living according to His Revelation. Adam's people started to revert back to their old condition, and they became corrupt, which was why they were drowned in the flood. The valley or mountain basin they were in filled up like a kitchen sink, drowning everyone except for those that were on Noah's ark.

After the ark landed on Mt. Ararat, the people Noah taught went into Shinar in Mesopotamia, which was populated by pagans. These pagans lived through the flood because they weren't surrounded by mountains—the water just destroyed their dwellings.

After the flood, the wild animals began increasing faster than man. Of course, the animals could run faster than man, and they had sharp teeth and claws with which they would tear up and eat people. The people, who were now without dwellings, had become vulnerable to the attacks of wild animals, and were easy prey.

However there was a giant among the Adamites named Nimrod, an enormous man who was able to tear a lion or bull apart with his hands, and would wear the horns of the bull on his head as sign of his might. Babylonian art depicts Nimrod as half man, half bull, with cloven hoofs, a tail and the horns of a bull on, his head, the typical depiction of the devil or Satan (see Fig. 10). This shows where this concept of the devil began.

The 10th chapter of Genesis describes Nimrod:

> Cush became the father of Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty man. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; therefor it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the Lord." The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, and Accad, all of them in the land of Shinar. From that land he went into Assyria, and built Nineveh, Rehoboth-Ir, Calah, and Resen between Niveveh and Calah; that is the great city. (Genesis 10:8-12)

Nimrod's empire, starting in Babylon, extended from the Middle East to the Straits of Gibraltar in the west. It was the first empire in the history of the world.

Nimrod established his empire by forming horseback hunting parties—he was the first man to tame the horse—with which he protected the people and gathered them from the forests into cities. The family of his wife Semiramis, who were masons, built walls around these people that they gathered together, and they built a tower. They went from place to place gathering the people, protecting them from the animals. Nimrod would kill many of the wild animals so that the people could plant gardens and forage for food.

Nimrod became a great man and was a renowned benefactor, as he taught Adam' s revelation of the One Invisible God everywhere he went. He was a very highly religious person. This is why he is referred to as "Lucifer," which means "light-bringer"—Nimrod spread the civilizing light of Adam's Revelation. People were more than happy to accept his empire, as they considered him like an angel.

But later on Nimrod fell. The fourteenth chapter of Isaiah says, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!" (Isaiah 14:12; KJV).

As Nimrod expanded his empire, the hunting party he formed became the first calvary, or the first army, to put down any instances of rebellion. This introduced war into history. As the people had not learned war up to this point, it was very easy for Nimrod to maintain his empire in this way. Although the people loved Nimrod, as they were greatly in his debt, they came to dislike the spiritual laws of Adam, resenting the strict personal discipline these entailed. They put pressure upon Nimrod to release them from these laws, and Nimrod relented.

Mythology recounts Nimrod's fall in the story of Atlas, who lifts the heavens up to his shoulders. Since Atlas (Nimrod) was a giant, this allowed the people to walk in complete freedom rather than bowed in humility before the discipline of Adam's Revelation. With another heave Atlas (Nimrod) raises the heavens above the sycamores, and then with a third heave he raises the heavens up above the mountains, which represents the total perversion of religion which Nimrod allowed—resulting in all types of licentiousness, corruption, perversion, orgies, drinking parties, drugs, etc... and this all entered into their religion. This brought the people away from turning to the One True Invisible God, and returned them to the worship of the sun, moon and stars, with Nimrod's father Cush represented by Jupiter, and Nimrod represented by Saturn. According to mythology Saturn was born from Jupiter. We get the word 'Satan" from the word "Saturn"—the star of Nimrod.

This religion spread all over the world. The Bible says that there were different languages throughout Nimrod's empire, there was a confusion of tongues. The way to say Nimrod and his attributes was different from place to place. Thus it eventually became lost that the various pagan male gods were the same—it was all the same religion centered around Nimrod.

At the time that Nimrod's empire was becoming corrupt, there was alive in the world a very highly spiritual being—Shem—who is also known in the Bible as Melchizedek. Shem, who lived 500 years after the flood, was the beloved son of Noah. He became aware of Nimrod ' s violations of the revelation of Adam. Shem spoke to the 72 judges of Egypt, who administered the laws Adam, notifying them that Nimrod had completely corrupted Adam' Revelation and was now an apostate. These 72 judges listened to him and agreed with him.

At this time, Nimrod was away expanding his empire, but when he returned, he was brought to trial before 30 of the judges. They found him guilty of apostasy, of perverting the religion of Adam, and they sentenced him to death. Before they could execute the sentence, he had to be brought before the full body of 72 judges, and this full Council decided he should be cut up in pieces, with the different parts of his body sent to the different nations of his empire to show them how dastardly a matter it is to corrupt the Revelation of God.

When Nimrod's widow Semiramis received a chunk of her husband's body with a note attached explaining this was in punishment of Nimrod's apostasy, she was furious. She was greatly loved by the people, as her family had built the walls of their cities, and she was considered the most beautiful woman in the world.

Religious scholar and historian of Babylon, Alexander Hislop, writes in *The Two Babylons* (p. 58):

> If there was one who was more deeply concerned in the tragic death of Nimrod than another, it was Semiramis, who from an original humble position, had been raised to share with him the throne of Babylon. What, in this emergency, shall she do? Shall she quietly forego the pomp and pride to which she had been raised? No. Though the death of her husband had given a rude shock to her power, yet her resolution and unbounded ambition were in nowise checked. On the contrary, her ambition took a still higher flight. In life her husband had been honored as a hero, in death she will have him worshipped as a god...

Semiramis decided that since her husband was considered a god in life, she would make him eternally a god. To the paganism Nimrod encouraged, and to his deification, Semiramis added yet another new concept in: the Trinity—a triune god.

Semiramis became pregnant, but since Nimrod had died long before her pregnancy, people wondered how this pregnancy came about. Semiramis explained that she was impregnated by the Holy Spirit, which resided in her womb. When the child was born, she said he was the divine incarnation of his father Nimrod, and she named him Bar-Nin, meaning "son of Nimrod" (The word Nimrod comes from "Nimr," which means "leopard," and "rod," which means "to subdue.")

Because of the diverse languages, Nimrod and Bar-Nin were called by different names from place to place. For instance, in Egypt, Bar-Nin was called Horus, the divine son in whom Osiris (Nimrod) incarnated after he was dismembered and the pieces of his body were dispersed among the nations. The divine mother who gave birth to this divine son was Isis, the Egyptian name for Semiramis. Thus there were now three gods to whom worship was due—a father god, a son god, and a holy mother goddess—yet all of these were to be considered equal, because they were all to be considered equal parts of a triune god.

Semiramis replaced the emperor ship of Nimrod with this new trinitarian religion. She indoctrinated her "divine son" into this religion, teaching him the Babylonian mystery of the three gods in one, and she set him up as the first high priest or Pontifex Maximus of trinitarianism. The people of the decaying empire of Nimrod turned to this religion in place of the emperor Nimrod. The trinity became an international pagan religion that spread throughout the world, and it eventually took over the Revelation of the true Divine Religions as they appeared—Judaism, Hinduism, Zoroastrianism, Buddhism and Christianity.

Thus from Semiramis came a whole new type of paganism. Some of this religion retained worshipping the sun, moon and stars as god, but most importantly, it produced the triune god with Nimrod being god, Nimrod becoming incarnate in the son through the Holy Spirit, and Semiramis being the first madonna. Thus this trinitarian religion was born into the world.

At first the people had to be convinced that this trinity was really true. In response, Semiramis offered a golden cup of intoxicants to the people who would come to pay tribute to her and her divine son. This concoctions dulled their senses, convincing them to submit to initiation into the Babylonian mysteries of the three separate gods as one god, and she indoctrinated some of the people it a priesthood.

A great deal of regalia and pomp accompanied this new trinitarian religion. The Pontifex Maximus, or "chief priest," wore a great hat or miter shaped like a fish, since they said that Nimrod had originally come into the world from the sea. These narration's show Nimrod's identity with the Philistine fish god Dagon. The Pontifex Maximus held a shepherd's crosier, representing the fact that Nimrod had been the "shepherd king" who herded the people into cities after the flood. And the Pontifex Maximus bore with him the "keys of Janus and Cybele, keys representing the "mysteries" brought into the world by Nimrod and Semiramis.

This trinitarian religion spread all over the world. The people of Greece got their religion from Phoenicia and Egypt which had both been part of Nimrod's empire. Rome also got its religion

from Phoenicia and Egypt. This pagan religion spread throughout Europe, so that the Druids in England, the Norsemen the Danes, the Norwegians, and the Germans all had the same gods, only under different names.

Each son of Bar-Nin was called the Pontifex Maximus, with the individual who bore this title filling the role of both king of Babylon and head of the pagan trinitarian church. Each pontiff was worshipped as a god, and when he died, his statue was placed in a pantheon to be worshipped. The pontiffs, and Semiramis as well, were each worshipped for a different specific purpose. One was worshipped for fertility, another for wealth, another for health, another for salvation, and so forth.

This religion revolving around the throne of Satan (Satan = Saturn = Nimrod) continued from century to century, although the breadth of Nimrod's empire was never again brought together under one supreme control. There were clashes for supremacy, with various nations trying to win control.

Finally, in the last quarter of the 7th century B.C., the Pontifex Maximus Nebuchadnezzar, who was a direct descendant of Bar-Nin, established an empire in Babylon simulating Nimrod's, though not nearly as large. Nebuchadnezzar called himself "the Conqueror of the world," and he conquered the monotheistic Jews, taking them and their king back with him to Babylon.

However in 538 B.C., Cyrus, the King of the newly formed Median-Persian empire, conquered the Babylonian empire. Cyrus hated the trinitarian pagan religion of Babylon, since he worshipped the One True Invisible God which he learned of through Zoroaster, the ancient Persian Manifestation of God (Zoroaster began His mission in 1000 B.C.). Cyrus allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem were they would later rebuild their temple, and he drove the pagan Babylonian throne of Satan completely out his realm and out of the Middle East.

The throne of Satan did not die, however. It was continued in the kingship of Pergamum in Asia Minor, which is Turkey today. The second chapter of the Book of Revelations describes Pergamum as the city of Satan's throne (Revelations 2:12-13) where trinitarian paganism entered Christianity.

Once the kingship of Pergamum died out, the position of Pontifex Maximus needed a new home. The pagan triune god found its new capital city in Rome. Hislop writes:

> Pergamos itself became part and parcel of the Roman Empire, when Attalus III, the last of the kings, at his death, left by will all his dominions to the Roman people, B.C. 133 For some time after the kingdom of Pergamos was merged in the Roman dominions, there was no one who could set himself openly and advisedly to lay claim to all the dignity inherent in the old title of the kings of Pergamos...But when Julius Caesar, who had previously been elected Pontifex Maximus became also, as emperor, the supreme civil ruler of the Romans, then, as head of the Roman state, and as head of the Roman religion, all the powers and functions of the true legitimate Babylonian Pontiff were supremely vested in him, and he found himself in a position to assert these powers...Then, on certain occasions, in the exercise of his high pontifical office, he appeared in all the pomp of the Babylonian costume, as Belshazzar [an ancient Pontifex Maximus of Babylon himself] might nave done, in robes of scarlet, with the crosier of Nimrod in his hand, wearing the miter of Dagon and bearing the keys of Janus and Cybele. (*The Two Babylon's*, p. 241).

Up until the Roman emperor Constantine Christianity in the early 4th century A.D., were both head of the Roman empire and also Pontifex Maximus—head of the pagan church. Constantine's proclamation of Christianity led to the merger of Christianity and paganism in the Roman empire.

As head of the pagan church, Constantine wore the garb and paraphernalia of Satan which had been passed down through the Babylonian empire, preserved in Pergamum, willed to Rome, and was worn by Julius Caesar and the subsequent Roman emperors. The Roman emperor Constantine had the fish hat, the crosier, and the keys of Janus and Cybele.

In 325 A.D. at the Council of Nicea, Constantine made an official decree combining the doctrine of the pagan trinity the Revelation of Jesus Christ. The trinity became the law of the Roman empire if anyone refused to accept the new trinity with Jesus as the physically incarnated divine son of the father god, they would be put to death.

In 381 A.D., the Roman emperor Gratian refused to wear the paraphernalia of Satan, but he passed it to the Roman Pope Damasus. Since Damasus, every Pope of Rome has worn the garb of Satan—the fish hat, the crosier, and the keys of Janus and Cybele. Today, Pope John Paul II wears the garb of Satan.

As the pagans had worshipped their gods (icons of their deceased pontiffs) in their pantheons and temples, they now worshipped their patron saints and their lcons in cathedrals and churches. Semiramis—who was Ashtoreth to the Jews, Aphrodite in Greece, Venus in Rome, known also as Astarte, Ishtar, Aurora, Diana, Rhea, Urania, and Isis—was worshipped now as Jesus' mother Mary. These pagan practices and concepts of the trinity continue in full bloom today in the Catholic church!

Historian Will Durant states that paganism conquered Christianity, saying that paganism continued "in the form of ancient rites and customs condoned or accepted and transformed by an often indulgent Church." Durant explains:

> "An intimate and trustful worship of saints replaced the cult of the pagan gods, and satisfied the polytheism of simple or poetic minds. Statues of Isis and Horus were renamed Mary and Jesus (*The Story of Civilization, Vol. IV,* p. 73).

The trinitarian pagan clergy withheld the Bible from the people for over a thousand years in order to firmly establish the trinity in Christianity, since everything about the trinity is reviled in the Bible. God plainly states in the second commandment:

> Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in the heaven above, or is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that keep my commandments. (Exodus 20:3-6; KJV).

By the time Martin Luther got the Bible into the hands of the people, the trinity which included the perverse concept of a deified son god Jesus had become so ingrained in their minds that they accepted it as fact. Today's pagan trinitarian clergy won't go against the pagan triune god, for they find that the trinity is good business—people love it, as have all trinitarian pagans for thousands of years. So this is the world to which the second Christ comes. Why haven't the people turned to the second Christ, the One that God sent to bring the Kingdom of God on earth? Because they're drunk with the wine of the Babylonian whore...believing in three gods in the place of the One True God. Jesus never said He was a god or that there was a trinity of gods that were all gods. Nor did Jesus say that Mary or anyone else was a god or goddess to be prayed to. No wonder the people don't accept the return of Christ—they're in paganism.

The second Christ, Baha'u'llah has come, and He fulfills the prophecies for the Prince of Peace. In order to show you to show you his proofs, we first had to clear away some cobwebs and

see what kind of a world Baha'u'llah comes to, and why the people of the world have not accepted Him. No wonder Baha'u'llah was arrested, no wonder He was put in prison, no wonder the clergy today reject Him—they're in the religion of Satan.

We will now look at how the criteria we used to prove Jesus prophesied name, date, address, and mission—also proves Baha'u'llah. If these criteria prove Jesus, the same criteria applied to Baha'u'llah would prove Baha'u'llah. First, let's look at where Baha'u'llah was prophesied by name from the lips of no less than Jesus Himself. Now if Jesus tells us that Baha'u'llah is coming, who is it to say that He's wrong? What Christian could say that He didn't know what He's talking about? If He says Baha'u'llah is going to come, why would anybody say anything different.

Jesus prophesied Baha'u'llah by name in Mark 8:38:

> For whosoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. (See also Matthew 16:27, Luke 9:26).

Jesus spoke Aramaic—the language of the Middle East in His time. So when Jesus spoke of the "Glory of the Father," he didn't use the English for this but rather the Aramaic, word which is "Baha'u'llah."

Jesus says the "Son of man" is ,going to return in "Baha'u'llah," meaning that this "glory of the Father" is going to be a man—the son of a man—and He's going to have holy angels. These holy angels are those that were martyred for the sake of Baha'u'llah's Revelation, just as the apostles were martyred at the time of Jesus.

This is like the name prophecy for Jesus, in which He was prophesied to come as "Immanuel," and He came in the name "Jesus" which meant the same thing in a different language. In our Bible we have the words "Glory of the Father," which means the same as 'Baha'u'llah." "Baha'u'llah" is the way to say "the glory of God the Father" in Arabic, Persian and in the Aramaic language Jesus spoke (Baha=glory, u'llah is short for "of Allah"= of God the Father).

This is a very important proof, but perhaps other people have had the name Baha'u'llah. Therefore, we need to see what address is prophesied for the coming of Baha'u'llah.

The 43rd chapter of Ezekiel gives this address. Ezekiel was a prophet who wrote his visions down while in Babylonian captivity. Ezekiel spoke language of his captors, which was Aramaic, and so he originally wrote his book in Aramaic.

In giving the following excerpts from Ezekiel's vision I will reinsert some of the original Aramaic words Ezekiel used. Where Ezekiel writes "gate," I will re-insert the Aramaic word for "gate," which is "Bab." and where Ezekiel refers to "the Glory of God" or "the Glory of the Lord, "I will re-insert the original Aramaic word, which is "Baha'u'llah".

> "Afterwards he brought me to the Bab, the Bab facing east." (Ezekiel 43:1).

The forerunner of Baha'u'llah was called "the Bab;" The Bab (1819-1850) was the John the Baptist for Baha'u'llah. Thus Ezekiel literally prophesied the Bab by name. The Bab spent His last days awaiting execution in various prisons in Adhirbayjan, in the northwestern corner of Iran. While imprisoned in the Castle of Chihriq, the Bab gathered together all of His writings that were in His possession, His pen-case, His seals, and His rings, and had them delivered to Baha'u'llah, who lived a journey of several days east in Tehran. So the Bab, in facing the Promised One He foretold, was facing east.

> "And behold, Baha'u'llah of Israel came from the east" (Ezekiel 43:2).

Here Ezekiel literally mentions Baha'u'llah by name in Aramaic. Baha'u'llah was born in Tehran, which is east of Tabriz, where the Bab was executed, and which is also very far east of

the Euphrates, the ancient dividing line between the Middle East and the East. Baha'u'llah was exiled from Tehran in Persia as a prisoner, and was taken in chains to the prison of Akka near Mt. Carmel in Israel. Thus Baha'u'llah cane to Israel form the East, fulfilling this prophecy.

> "and the sound of his coming was like the sound of many waters, and the earth shone with his Baha." (Ezekiel 43:2).

In the 17th chapter of the Book of Revelations, the "many waters" means many peoples, nations and tongues. Baha'u'llah's Revelation is not for just a certain country or a certain people, but rather it is for the oneness of mankind. Baha'u'llah's first principle is the oneness of the world of humanity. Thus the whole earth will shine with His Baha (Glory or Splendor).

> "And the vision I saw was like the vision which I had seen when he came to destroy the city, and like the vision I had seen by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face."

Here Ezekiel fall on his face in thanksgiving to God. Ezekiel sees the Great manifestation, Baha'u'llah, who the whole Bible talks about, who all the religion talk about—the One who will establish universal peace and unite all of humanity in brotherhood in the Kingdom of God on earth.

> "As Baha'u'llah entered the temple by the Bab facing east, the Spirit lifted me up, and brought me into the inner court...." (Ezekiel 43:4)

Baha'u'llah entered the temple by the Bab. Just as Jesus entered into His ministry through His forerunner John the Baptist, Baha'u'llah entered into His ministry through his forerunner the Bab.

> "...And behold, Baha'u'llah filled the temple. While the man was standing beside me, I heard one speaking to me out of the temple; and he said to me, 'Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the people of Israel forever. "' (Ezekiel 43:6-7).

The Revelation of Baha'u'llah fills the Temple. The one speaking from out of the Temple in this vision is the person Baha'u'llah—we know this is a man because he speaks of Israel as the place of the "soles of his feet." The throne that Baha'u'llah speaks of is David's throne. Baha'u'llah sat on the throne of David as a direct male lineal descendant of King David through the Exilarchs (exiled Davidic monarchs). The Baha'i World Center is on Mt. Carmel in Haifa, Israel, which is now the permanent seat of David's throne.

Just as Jesus was prophesied to be born in Bethlehem, Baha'u'llah was prophesied to come from the East to Israel. And Baha'u'llah had a forerunner by the name of the Bab, just as Jesus had a forerunner by the name of John the Baptist. So here we have Baha'u'llah's address. There is more prophecy for His address in the 35th chapter of the book of Isaiah:

> "The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord [Baha'u'llah], and the majesty of our God." (Isaiah 35:1-2).

Here it says that the desert will blossom like a crocus. When Baha'u'llah, the Glory of the Lord, was brought to Israel, He was placed in the prison at Akka. Akka sits right across the bay of Haifa from lt. Carmel. Akka was the foulest prison of the Turkish empire—people would say that if a bird were to fly over Akka, it would die from the stench. The prisoners were kept in pestilential conditions, and many died after a short time. In addition, it was a barren land, without cultivation.

After Baha'u'llah's exile to Akka in 1868, thousands of His followers from Iran and Baghdad visited Him there, and they started cultivating the land, planting flowers, and bringing in irrigation. Later on the Jews started settling Palestine, since in 1844, the Sultan of Turkey had lifted the ban of Omar and allowed the Jews to enter Jerusalem again, and in 1868, the Jews were allowed to buy land there once again. These Jews rapidly began irrigating the entire country. If you should go to Mt. Carmel today, you would find it to be one of the most beautiful spots in the world. While Palestine, and Akka and Mt. Carmel in particular, were without cultivation at the time of Baha'u'llah, since His coming the desert has literally blossomed. And after Baha'u'llah was given a release from prison, He pitched His tent on Mt. Carmel with His Son 'Abdu'l-Baha and laid out the site for the universal government of the Kingdom of God on earth.

Baha'u'llah completely fulfilled the prophecy of the address. He was exiled to Mt. Carmel and Sharon—the name for Israel's Mediterranean seacoast adjoining Mt. Carmel. Just as Jesus was prophesied to be born in Bethlehem, here Isaiah specifies that Baha'u'llah will come from the East to Israel. Isaiah say that Sharon and Carmel will see the Glory of the Lord—Baha'u'llah.

We can see that the prophesied address for Baha'u'llah is even more detailed than the address for Jesus. In fact, there are myriad's of prophecies about the coming of Baha'u'llah, but for the sake of brevity we will just be looking at the essential name, address, date and mission prophecies.

We will now look at the date prophecies, which are very important. There might have been someone else named Baha'u'llah, and he might have come from Iran to Israel, so we need to get this in the framework of when. Let's start with the book of Matthew, where the disciples ask Jesus about the date of His return:

> "As he [Jesus] sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, ' Tell us, when will this be and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?" (Matthew 24: 3; RSV).

Here the disciples ask Jesus three questions: when are you coming, what will be the sign of your coming and what is the sign of the close of the age? Jesus then gives many signs which you can read on your own, but we will focus on the conclusive sign He gives for the close of the age:

> "So when you see the desolating sacrilege spoken of by the prophet, Daniel; standing in the holy place (let the reader understand)." (Matthew 24:15; RSV).

Here Jesus Himself doesn't give you the date, but he says to turn to the book of Daniel, the book that gave the date for Jesus Himself, for the date at which the Second Christ will come. Jesus tells us to go to the chapter which speaks of the desolating sacrilege and the holy place. This is as follows:

> "Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to the one that spoke, 'For how long is the vision concerning the continual burnt offering, the transgression that makes desolate, and the giving over of the sanctuary and host to be trampled under foot?' And he said to him, 'For two thousand and three hundred evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary shall be restored to its rightful state." (Daniel 8:13-14).

Here Daniel mentions the "transgression that makes desolate," and also the "sanctuary." These are the "desolating sacrilege" and the "holy place" that Jesus told us to look fort so we know we're in the right place.

In the 43rd chapter of Ezekiel we read about the temple. Ezekiel was a high priest, and he was concerned with the re-establishment of the temple. He told us that the re-establishment of the

temple would be the coming of the Bab and Baha'u'llah. Here Daniel tells us about the sanctuary of the temple being restored to its rightful state.

When Nebuchadnezzar took the Jews into captivity, he removed the ark of the Covenant from the Holy of Holies and brought it to Babylon where it was lost. After this the Jews rebuilt the temple and the sanctuary, but they lacked the ark of the Covenant to complete the Holy of Holies. So the Jews wanted to know when their sanctuary would be fully restored. In the above prophecy, Daniel says this will be in 2300 days, and since in prophecy each day is a year, these are 2300 years.

These 2300 years start from the time that the abomination of desolation came to an end—457 B.C., when the edict was issued to restore and rebuild Jerusalem. From 457 B.C. to the birth of Jesus gives us 456 years. This leaves 1844 years left over, which means that the 2300 years come to an end in 1844 A.D. This is the date Jesus indicates that the sanctuary would be restored.

Under the law of Moses, the sanctuary was cleansed with the blood of sheep and goats. According to the 7th, 8th, and 9th, chapters of the Book of Hebrews, Jesus cleansed the sanctuary not with the blood of sheep and goats but with his own blood. But now we are looking for the birth of the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven that Jesus told us to pray for, so we're looking for the cleansing of the sanctuary on earth. The date we are given is 1844.

Baha'u'llah's forerunner the Bab started the Baha'i calendar in 1844. The Bab made His proclamation on May 23, 1844. But He started the calendar on March 21, 1844. According to the Book of Ezra, King Artaxerxes' order to rebuild Jerusalem was given on March 21, the first day of the first month of the Persian calendar, which started with the vernal equinox (Ezra 7:9). March 21, 1844, is the starting of the Baha'i calendar, which occurs exactly 2300 years from the order to restore and rebuild Jerusalem issued by Artaxerxes.

The Bab purified the sanctuary by being killed six years after His mission started. The Bab was shot with 750 bullets in an execution arranged by the clergy, just as the clergy was behind Jesus' execution. In addition, 10,000 of the Bab's followers were martyred with Him in the course of His mission, shedding their blood to cleanse the sanctuary.

The Book of Jude says (verse 14):

> And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all of their ungodly deeds, which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches, which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.

10,000 of the Bab's followers were martyred in Persia, practically down to the last one. They were killed in the most inhuman manner—they were split apart, their enemies drove holes in their flesh, put lighted candles in the holes, and made them run down the street with horseshoes nailed to their feet, they put rings in their noses and paraded them through the streets naked, and so on. These martyrs sacrificed themselves so that the holy Revelation of God would be established in the world.

Yet despite these great sacrifices, today the peoples of the world remain sunk in the depths of paganism, following Satan, and their leader is seated on the throne of Nimrod or Satan, wearing the fish hat in Rome. So you can't expect much from the majority of the people. That's why there will be the great calamity in the world before the people awake and accept the Revelation of God for this age.

Having seen the date prophecy for the Bab, let's turn to the 12th chapter of Daniel which gives us some more important dates. Of course, a lot of Christians read this next chapter but the poor Christians are under the delusion of Satan, so how can they understand anything?

> "At that time, shall arise Michael the great prince, who has charge of your people." (Daniel 12:1).

The word Michael means "one like God." Each of the Manifestations are mirrors which reflect God—they are 'like God" because they reflect God. Thus this "Michael" refers to a Manifestation. He is the "great prince" because He's a direct descendant of King David and is seated on the throne of David.

> "And there will be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation, till that time." (Daniel 12:1).

Jesus said something similar:

> "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be, and if those days had not been shortened, no human being would be saved." (Matthew 24:21-22).

Has there ever been so much trouble in the world? We've made instruments of war by which within an hour, two thirds of mankind will be dead. How terrible this age in its problems. The people have been coalesced together by rapid transit and rapid communication. You can go around the world in no time, while before most people never got more than 30 miles from their home and they did this mostly on foot. While today, we're all thrown together, and this has caused all the different ideologies, religions and concepts to clash together, giving us a very dangerous situation, especially considering the trouble in the Middle East. The great trouble in the Middle East is the starting of Armageddon.

> "But at that time your people shall be delivered, every one whose name shall be found written in the book." (Daniel 12:1).

Everyone that turns to Baha'u'llah's Covenant will be delivered—God's people. And all those who are in paganism and the various Covenant-breaking sects and denominations are going to get their medicine, too, whatever that may be.

> "And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." (Daniel 12:2).

Those who "sleep in the dust of the earth" are the materialist. Practically everyone is a materialist, abiding by the "get mine while I can get it" way of life. Some of these people will get away from the paganism, awake to become believers in the Second Messiah Baha'u'llah, and will win everlasting life, while some will not awake until the bombs drop and the destruction is about to fall upon them. but they'll awake to shame and everlasting contempt.

> "And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever." (Daniel 12:3).

The wise are they who use their intellect to know the truth. They don't just believe on faith. They don't just follow some false leader. The wise decide for themselves whether something is true. Most of the Christians say you should believe on faith, and you don't need any proof. But the wise judge justly, by proof.

> "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, until the time of the end." (Daniel 12:3).

The book of Daniel was sealed, meaning no one would understand what it means until the time of the end.

> "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase." (Daniel 12:4)

There has never been a time in history with so much intercontinental travel and communication, and with such great expansion of knowledge as is going on today.

> "Then I Daniel looked, and behold, two others stood, one on this bank of the stream and one on that bank of the stream. And I said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, ' How long shall it be till the end of these wonders? ' The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven; and I heard him swear by him who lives for ever that it would be for a time, two times, and half a time;" (Daniel 12:5-7)

Daniel is receiving a date here. He gives the date as "a time, two times, and a half a time." This gives us three and a half times. A time is a circle, and a circle is the length of time it takes to get back to the beginning. It doesn't matter how large or small the circle is, it always consists of 360 degrees. We have three and a half times; so 360 multiplied by three and a half is 1260.

The Bab and Baha'u'llah came in Iran, where they use the Arabian lunar calendar. This calendar begins with Muhammad's flight from Meca to Medina, which is called the Hegira. 1260 on the Muslim calendar is the same as 1844 on the Christian calendar, when the Bab made His proclamation. 1844 A.D. is the same as 1260 A.H. (After the Hegira). On May 23, 1944 which is 1260 A.H., the Bab made His proclamation. So here we have the date for the Bab, this time on the Arabic calendar as 1260. We're approaching the date for Baha'u'llah, so let's continue on.

> "...and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end, all these things would accomplished." (Daniel 12:7).

The shattering of the power of the holy people who follow the Manifestation of God continues today, but it will be over soon.

> "I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, 'O my lord, what shall be the issue of these things?' He said, 'Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end.'" (Daniel 12:8-9).

Here Daniel says, 'God, I don't understand all this!" God means by His reply, "Those words are sealed until the time of the end when they will be fulfilled, and those who fulfill it will explain what it means.

In fact, numerous Christian writers figured out the date 1844, and this date was also discovered in the chronological time line in the Great Pyramid of Giza, but they didn't understand what it meant.

In 1844 the Bab closed the door to the prophetic age and opened the door to the age of fulfillment. The word "Bab" means "door" or "gate." On the very day of the Bab's proclamation, the inventor Samuel Morse sent from Baltimore to Washington the world's first telegraph message. Morse's message read, "See what God hath wrought." Since the date of the Bab, all the countries of the world have become connected through communication and transportation. Since the date of the Bab, a whole new world has unfolded with the railroad, the steamship, the air plane, the forms of rapid communication—the horse and buggy is gone. The Promised One, the Door came in 1844, and He opened the door to this age. They asked Jesus, when would be the close of the age, and He refers us to Daniel who says 1844. Are we going to call Jesus a liar, Daniel a liar, God a liar?

Now we're going to get the date for Baha'u'llah:

> "Many shall purify themselves, and make the themselves pure and be refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand; but those who are wise shall understand." (Daniel 12:10).

Here we see none of the wicked will understand. Who are the wicked? The ones that refuse to use their intellect to understand. God gave you your intellect to understand—but if you don't use your intellect and you just follow a clergyman that is corrupted with Satan you'll end up in the den of Satan. You have to use your intellect.

None of the wicked will understand, but the wise will understand—the wise are those that use their intellect.

The clergy says, "You don't want to use your intellect, you have to go by the heart." But the intellect must lead the heart. The heart is not intelligent, it's liable to love anything. We have to be guided by the intellect. God tells us the wise shall understand.

> "And from the time that the continual burnt offering is taken away. and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days." (Daniel 12:11)

When Muhammad came, He did away with all types of "burnt offerings" or sacrifices, including the eucharist which existed in Christianity. Thus the beginning of this date prophecy refers to the proclamation of Muhammad, which was 10 years before the start of the Arabic calendar. The "abomination that makes desolate" refers to treachery committed against Muhammad by Jewish tribes during a battle, after which Muhammad changed the direction of prayer from Jerusalem to Mecca, thus making the holy city of the Jews desolate.

From the proclamation of Muhammad to the proclamation of Baha'u'llah was exactly 1290 years (In prophecy a day equals a year, so 1290 days equal 1290 years). The proclamation of Baha'u'llah was on April 21, 1863. This proclamation was 1,290 years on the Muslim lunar calendar from the proclamation of Muhammad 10 years before the Hegira. The date in 1863 A.D. when Baha'u'llah proclaimed himself was near the beginning or the Muslim year 1280 A.H. 1280 plus the 10 years back to when Muhammad proclaimed Himself 10 years before the start of the Muslim calendar gives us 1290 years. Thus Daniel gives us the date for Baha'u'llah.

So here we have just seen the dates for the close of the age and the coming of the Second Christ which Jesus said we should refer to Daniel for. Now we have Baha'u'llah's name, His address, and His date, but we still need to see what mission is prophesied for the Second Christ. We find this in the second chapter of the book of Isaiah:

> "It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills and all the nations shall flow to it..." (Isaiah 2:2).

This prophecy is for the latter days, which we are in today. This mountain is Mt. Carmel, the seat of the International Baha'i Center where the Universal House of Justice will be established. The King James version says that the mountain of the Lord's house will be "established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills;" this exaltation is a spiritual height rather than a physical height. All the nations shall flow to it, meaning that all the people will come into the Kingdom and will flow to this International Center on top of Mt. Carmel.

> "... and many peoples shall come, and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'" (Isaiah 2:3).

Contrary to the Christian triune God, the God of Jacob is the One Invisible God that created everything. The peoples of the world will flow to the One True Invisible God of Jacob, Isaac, and Abraham, not to the pagan trinity.

> "For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." (Isaiah 2:3).

Baha'u'llah, the Prince of Peace, established that there will be a Universal House of Justice with the Davidic Kingship as the President or head of it. This kingship will exist as long as there is life on this planet. "Zion" is the city of David, thus with the Davidic King descended from David through Baha'u'llah being the President of the Universal House of Justice, the law will go forth form Zion.

The word "Jerusalem" means "City of Peace." This does not pertain to the city named Jerusalem in Israel, but to the "New Jerusalem" which comes from God out of heaven as seen in the Book of Revelations (Revelations 21:10). This heavenly Jerusalem is the new Revelation for a civilization of peace—the law that Baha'u'llah brings.

> "He shall judge between the nations and shall decide for many peoples." (Isaiah 2:4).

Baha'u'llah prescribes the formation of an international Tribunal in which all the nations will simultaneously disarm and settle their differences and their boundaries over a council table. After settling their boundaries, they will make covenant of peace among themselves. The people will then elect secondary Houses of Justice in every nation, and these Houses of Justice will elect a Universal House of Justice. The Davidic King descended from Baha'u'llah will be the Guardian or President of the Universal House of Justice.

> "And they shall beat their swords in to ploughshares and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." (Isaiah 2:4).

Baha'u'llah came to put an end to war, set up the Universal House of Justice on top of Mt. Carmel and have all the nations flow to it or become members of it. This House of Justice will not be set up until after the catastrophe which is imminent. Following this catastrophe, the United States, England, France and Russia will become the first Baha'i States. They will set up an International Tribunal or World Court which will be an interim body until the establishment of the Universal House of Justice. The other nations will join this body as they become Baha'i, and by the end of this century, everybody in the world will be Baha'i. All the nations will belong to the Universal House of Justice on the top of Mt. Carmel, and we'll have a thousand years of peace.

Now let's turn to the ninth chapter of Isaiah, the sixth verse:

> "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called, 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

During Christmas, Christians often place a sign over the nativity scene reading, "Unto us a child is born..." in reference to this prophecy. They attribute this prophecy to Jesus Christ. Well, we have to agree that Jesus didn't come out of the sky—he was born from his mother. This is the only part of the prophecy, however, that could possibly refer to Jesus.

The prophecy says "the government will be upon his shoulder." Jesus was a carpenter's son, and certainly the government was not upon his shoulder. In fact, the only thing Jesus said about government was," Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." (Luke 20:25).

Also, this prophecy says this person will be the Prince of Peace. What Jesus said regarding this subject is that He didn't come to bring peace, but a sword (Matthew 10:34). If Jesus would have claimed to be the Prince of Peace, He would have been the biggest failure in history, as there has been nothing but war from the time of Jesus until today.

Jesus never claimed the title of the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, but rather He said He was the Son. He said He would return in "the Glory of the Father," and here He is referring to Baha'u'llah, who is the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Isaiah uses the words "Mighty God" to refer to Baha'u'llah because each of the Manifestations reflect God, as a mirror reflects the sun. Baha'u'llah reflects God in the Glory of the Father, and therefore, we have a greater concept of God through Baha'u'llah than through any of the previous Manifestations. This is because the mental capacity of the people of this age is much greater than ever before in history. For instance, Jesus said, "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth." (John 16:13). And Baha'u'llah has come to bring us into this greatest Revelation of God.

Isaiah continues:

> "Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore." (Isaiah 9:7).

Isaiah says, "of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end." Certainly there was no peace during Jesus' age, but once Baha'u'llah's peace is established there will be no end to it. There will also be no end to the increase of Baha'u'llah's government, as all the peoples of the world will belong to it.

But the main thing Isaiah mentions is that this government will be "upon the throne of David and over his kingdom.' That is, God will rule from the throne of David. God doesn't talk to us from a great voice in the sky—He doesn't shout down at us with a megaphone. He always talks to us through a person. And God has chosen a kingship that he set up long ago at the time of King David to look over his kingdom. God told David in His Covenant that his kingship would last forever. The Holy Spirit also told this to David's sons Nathan and Solomon. This appears in Psalm 89 and many other places throughout the Bible. This throne has existed all the way down to the present time, and now it will be the head of the Universal house of Justice.

Isaiah says that this kingdom will be established with righteousness and with justice for evermore, meaning the=Universal House of Justice will be established and will maintain peace as long as there is life on this planet.

Now let's turn to the eleventh chapter of Isaiah. (These verses will be taken from the King James Version of the Bible):

> "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots..." (Isaiah 11:1).

Jesse is the father of David. The "stem of Jesse" is his penis. Out of the father of David is going to come David, or specifically, a "rod," which is the scepter a king holds in his hand. This son of Jesse is King David, and the Kingship is the everlasting kingship of David.

The root of Jesse from which the "Branch shall grow out" appears in the latter days. The tenth verse of this chapter explains: "And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse," meaning today, in the latter days.

The root of Jesse is Baha'u'llah, who is the Manifestation of God seated on David's throne, and the Branch is Baha'u'llah's Son, 'Abdu'l-Baha. So these next verses in Isaiah about the Branch refer to 'Abdu'l-Baha:

> "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out his roots: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord, and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord; and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears..." (Isaiah 11:2-3).

In other words, 'Abdu'l-Baha is not going to establish justice in the world personally, but in His Will and Testament He delineates the institution of the Universal House of Justice with the Guardian at its head, which will bring justice to the world.

> But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the
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> girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. (Isaiah 11:4-6).

Here Isaiah speaks of the justice which will come into the world. For the first time in the world, we're going to have justice. Each Manifestation emphasizes a particular quality of God. For instance, Moses emphasized the law, Buddha—enlightenment, Zoroaster—purity, Krishna—detachment, Mohammed was a Comforter, Jesus emphasized love, but we've never had justice in the world. The Universal House of Justice prescribed by Baha'u'llah and delineated by 'Abdu'l-Baha will establish justice.

In this prophecy Isaiah mentions all sorts of animals living together in harmony. But if a lion were to literally lay down with a lamb, the lamb would probably wake up in the lion's stomach. Some Christian sects, such as the Jehovah's witnesses, actually think the animals will change. They try to interpret these prophecies though they don't understand a thing in the Bible. These animals are symbols of nations, like the lion is the symbol of Great Britain and the eagle is the symbol of America. The nations of the world, which have been at war since the time of Nimrod, are going to lie down together in peace and harmony. This will be due to the establishment of the Universal House of Justice which 'Abdu'l-Baha delineates in His Will and Testament.

Isaiah says "a little child shall lead them." This little child is the United States. The United States brought a whole new concept of government. The original founders of the United States came from oppressive religious conditions in Europe where they were forced to believe whatever the clergy taught, often at the point of death. They escaped this and set up a government with separation of church and state, the different areas of the country joined only by political union. This was in order that the diverse sects and denominations could live in harmony together without a religious conflagration. This concept caused a unity in the United States which allowed the country to reach great heights of development.

Now every country in the world has some form of separation of church and state, following after the United States. The United States is "the little child that leads" because although it is one of the last of the great nations to have formed, it leads the world in religious freedom.

> "And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand—on thee cockatrice's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." (Isaiah 11: 7-9)

In other words, all of the conflict in the world today is going to be done away with. This will follow the great catastrophe that is upon us. The people of the world will turn to the Revelation of Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha's Universal House of Justice with the Guardian, or Davidic King, at it's head.

With all the world at peace, we can turn our gaze to greater things than what we' re occupied with now. We can focus on the arts and sciences, the betterment of the mind and the development of spirituality, the education of the children. This earth will become a paradise, a rose garden. Everyone will be able to fully engage in the craft, art or science in which he or she is interested. The people won't have to work long hours at small pay because computers and machines will produce most of the goods . People will have time to spend on becoming spiritual. Today it's dog eat dog, and we're supporting a trillion dollar military budget each year, with the funds for this budget coming out of the pockets of the poor. The poor of the world don't have enough to eat and they don't have enough to clothe themselves with because they're paying for this tremendous military arsenal of nuclear armaments. So the Revelation of Baha'u'llah brings a whole new world, which has been promised by God in His book.

> "And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious." (Isaiah 11:10).

The gentiles will seek the ensign of the nations, Baha'u'llah, because Baha'u'llah's Son 'Abdu'l-Baha adopted a gentile, Mason Remey, as His son. This son was appointed by the first Guardian Shoghi Effendi to be the next Guardian and the successor to the Davidic Kingship. Thus the Davidic Kingship switches from the tribe of Judah to the gentiles. This fulfills the prophecy of Genesis 49:10, which says that the scepter will not depart from the physical descendancy of Judah until the coming of Shiloh, and to Shiloh will be the gathering of the people. That is, when the scepter passes from the tribe of Judah to the gentiles, all the people will be gathered.

> "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathyro, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea." (Isaiah 11:11).

That is, the Lord will take His hand a second time to gather together all of Israel. The first gathering of Israel took place by the hand of Baha'u'llah. The twelve tribes of Israel divided after the death of Solomon, and they never were united back together again. Two hundred years after Solomon in 721 B.C., the northern ten tribes were taken captive into Assyria and Media, and they became known as the ten lost tribes of Israel. The other two tribes, Judah and Benjamin, were taken captive to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar in 606 B.C. and 586 B.C. They remained in Babylon for 70 years. Some of them returned to Jerusalem after 70 years; Jesus Christ was descended from these Jews. But the great mass of Jews remained in Babylon with the Exilarch, the exiled Davidic King, who was the direct male ancestor of Baha'u'llah. Nebuchadnezzar's son Evil-Merodach had set up the exiled throne of David in Babylon. Baha'u'llah's father sat on the throne of David, and so did his father, and his father before his, back to the Kings of Israel through the Exilarchs and all the way back to David himself.

After Baha'u'llah made His proclamation in 1863, He was taken as a prisoner to Israel. As He was taken with about 70 family members and close adherents to Israel through the lands to which the ten tribes of Israel had been scattered in ancient times, thousands of people became believers. Many of these believers were descended from the ten lost tribes who had been lost in identity by being converted to Zoroastrianism and Islam over the ages. Baha'u'llah and His family were of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin; as a descendant of David, Baha'u'llah Himself was of the tribe of Judah. A remnant of these lost ten tribes accepted Baha'u'llah and went with Him to Israel. They joined Him and His other followers, thus reuniting the twelve tribes. This was the first gathering of Israel.

Baha'u'llah extends this gathering through His Covenant anyone who accepts Baha'u'llah's Covenant is grafted into the twelve tribes of Israel under it's new name Baha'i. The Baha'i Faith has spread to every nation, language and people of the world. But with the passing of the Guardian Shoghi Effendi, the Hands of the Cause, who were administrative aids to Shoghi Effendi, broke the Covenant and tried to do away with God's kingdom. These Hands set up a republic of God, incorporated, to replace the Kingdom of God revealed by Baha'u'llah. The Hands hoodwinked the people into following the republic they created.

Only the Guardian can declare someone a Covenant-breaker, and the Guardian declared these people Covenant-breakers. At that moment, the people all over the world who accepted the Hands' creation were expelled from the Baha'i Faith. Thus the Hands violation resulted in the scattering of the people. That is why Isaiah says they will be gathered a second time. This going on now, and this is the purpose of this paper: to bring those Baha'is who were scattered, and also the whole world into the Baha'i Faith, which is the Kingdom of God on earth.

First, we will have 144,000 people. This is the number given in the Book of Revelations for the number of the elect who are sealed with the sign of God upon their foreheads—meaning they will comprehend this message with their intellect. The minute there are 144,000 believers, there will be a thermonuclear war. The Book of Revelations says the four winds of destruction will be held back until we have the 144,000 from the twelve tribes of Israel—this number representing twelve thousand people for each tribe (Revelations 7:3-8). The Baha'i Faith is Israel under its new name, as Baha'u'llah gathered the twelve tribes; thus everyone who accepts the Baha'i Faith becomes part of the twelve tribes. Before the bombs drop, the whole world will hear via the news media this message of the Kingdom. When this message of the Kingdom reaches the air waves, those pure enough in heart to accept it will arise, and will come into the Kingdom very rapidly.

The mission of Baha'u'llah is to bring the Kingdom of God on earth that Jesus Christ told us to pray for. This kingdom will be upon the Davidic throne, Baha'u'llah being a direct descendant of King David through the Exilarchs, His father having sat on the throne of David in Mazanderan, Iran. Baha'u'llah fulfills the same prophecies. He came in the name that was prophesied by Jesus, Ezekiel and Isaiah—in fact, Baha'u'llah's name appears throughout the Bible as "the Glory of God," "the Glory of the Lord," or "the Glory of the Father." Ezekiel and Jesus didn't speak English, but rather Aramaic, so they literally said "Baha'u'llah." The name Baha'u'llah" has been prophesied, and this was fulfilled in Baha'u'llah's coming

Baha'u'llah fulfilled the prophecy of the address. He was exiled from the East to Israel, to Sharon and Mt. Carmel, and Carmel was to blossom as a flower, which was all fulfilled.

Three dates were given pertaining to the coming of Baha'u'llah. The eighth chapter of Daniel gives the 2300 year prophecy which brings us to 1844, as it was 2300 years from the order to restore and rebuild Jerusalem to the coming of the Bab. They asked Jesus when the close of the age was and when He would return, and Jesus said refer to Daniel, we turn to the eighth chapter of Daniel and he gives us 1844. The Bab came in 1844, closing the door to the prophetic age and opening the door to the age of fulfillment. The 12th chapter of Daniel gives the date of 1260 on

the Muslim calendar, which is 1844 on the Christian calendar—when the Bab made His proclamation.

Then Daniel gives us another date—the 1290 years, which is the amount of time between the proclamation of Muhammad ten years before the Hegira to the proclamation of Baha'u'llah 1290 years later on the Muslim calendar, on April 21, 1863.

And now for the second gathering of Israel, Daniel gives us a third date, which is the 1335 days (Daniel 12:12). 'Abdu'l-Baha says this should be figured from the victory of Muhammad, which was in 628 A.D. 1335 years from 628 A.D. brings us to 1963 A.D. Abdu'l-Baha also said this prophecy would be fulfilled exactly 100 years from Baha'u'llah's proclamation. Exactly 100 years from Baha'u'llah's a proclamation, on April 21, 1963, there was a man who fulfilled this prophecy, which is also the prophecy for the man of the 3rd chapter of Zechariah. This man, is the 7th Angel of the Book of Revelations, and he is alive today. The 7th Angel is sounding his trumpet, as prophesied in Revelations, meaning he is broadcasting this message of the kingdom to the world to gather the 144,000. Before looking at the role of and the proofs for the 7th Angel, we will need to look at the Covenant of Baha'u'llah. This absolutely essential, all-important subject of the Covenant will be treated in a forthcoming writing.

So in conclusion, there might have been other people named Baha'u'llah, and they might have come from the East to Israel, but Baha'u'llah did it in chains. If Baha'u'llah did this as a free person, people might say this was the work of an impostor to fulfill prophecy. But Baha'u'llah had no control over this—He was brought in chains from the East to Israel, first under the Persian Government then under the Turkish Government. Baha'u'llah came in the prophesied name, the address, the date, and Baha'u'llah did one more thing—He fulfilled the mission of the Reigning Messiah seated upon David's throne. There's the calling card. This calling card is the method God gives us in order that we may know for sure if a person is from God or is an impostor.

There are a whole lot of people saying they are the Christ. There are a whole lot of people claiming to be the Promised One. The Christians are waiting for Him to come out of the sky—the pathetic Christians, that is. We, on the other hand, use our intellect and we look at these prophecies. We see that He's going to come from the East to Israel—He's not going to come out of the sky. Baha'u'llah fulfills the prophecies for the Prince of Peace, and all the people will become followers of Baha'u'llah. And the 144,000 people who accept Baha'u'llah's Revelation before the catastrophes will be essential in establishing the Kingdom of God on earth.